



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, November 21, 1996

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## Penalty reduced in county asbestos citation

### County physician to hold pulmonary asbestos testing

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor  
The Division of Occupational Health

concluded its final report concerning the asbestos finding in the Crawford County Courthouse.

The members of the Division of Occupational Health also reviewed a request by the county for modification on the citations and penalty fine. The department agreed to reduce the original penalty from \$3,500 to \$1,750 because the county showed "good faith in the proceedings."

The finding of asbestos at the

courthouse began when the updating of the courthouse heating and cooling system began April 22. This included demolition of major portions of the old system.

When a boiler was cut loose and was ready to be removed, a small mountain of galvanized piping, chunks of insulation, ceiling material and other

debris accumulated and was being transferred to dumpsters. Dust became abundant during the cutting of pipes, especially in the basement.

Testing for asbestos began July 19, and positive signs of a hazardous element were found. County commissioners voted July 23 to close the courthouse until it could be decontaminated. Following the cleaning, the courthouse was reopened July 29.

Due to the exposure to the asbestos, the county has set Monday, Nov. 25 for pulmonary asbestos testing. The pulmonary function testing will be held at the courthouse from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Dr. William McNamara, the county physician.

The testing will be available for all county employees and any other individuals who were present in the courthouse from July 18-23.

The county was issued a citation and fine from the Division of Occupational Health for failure to identify the presence of asbestos.

The actual citation read, "On July 23, 1996 it was determined that the building and/or facility owner failed to identify the presence, location and quantity of all asbestos-containing materials (ACM) and/or presumed

asbestos-containing materials (PACM) present at the 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan project site..."

The original penalty charge was \$3,500 for the citation, but the county set a petition for modification of the citation and the penalty was reduced by 50 percent.

Occupational Health Regional Supervisor James DeLiefde stated in a letter to the county, "The department has carefully reviewed the classification and penalty associated with these citation items and determined they were correctly assessed. However, the department will reduce the penalty from \$3,500 to \$1,750 in recognition of the county's prompt abatement efforts and the good faith it has shown throughout these proceedings."

In the letter requesting the modification of the penalty, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore stated that the county wasn't aware that it was necessary to identify the presence of asbestos because the county was not aware of any asbestos in the courthouse.

Prior to any future renovations, a survey will first be conducted, Moore stated.

## 'Limited editions' at High School



**HISTORICAL FLAGS** - The Michigan Army National Guard presented a collection of 10 limited edition flags to the students at Grayling High School recently. These flags are authentic reproductions of the original flags currently housed in the Smithsonian. The flags included The Grand Union (the first flag of the United States, 1776), The Gadsden Flag (1776), the first Stars and Stripes (1777), John Paul Jones (1779), The Great Seal (1782), Sons of Liberty Flag (1787), Constitution Flag (1789), First Regimental Colors (1791), Whiskey Rebellion (1794) and the Star Spangled Banner (1814).

Photo by Lisa Hofman

## One of Grayling's landmarks has 'For Sale' sign on it

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

After celebrating its 80th anniversary of business in Grayling on April 27-28, the Shoppenagon Motor Hotel closed its doors last week.

The hotel, bar and restaurant were closed for business by its owners. The business, located at 103 East Michigan Avenue, now is up for sale.

The two owners, Linda Schmidtendorff and Lorraine Vinton, have hired a real estate agent. Schmidtendorff and Vinton inherited the hotel after their father, Theron White, died in July.

According to Schmidtendorff, there are a few interested parties already considering to buy the business.

"We want to see the business continue," Schmidtendorff said. "The decision to sell the hotel was a hard one."

Schmidtendorff and Vinton are not from the Grayling area, which is one of the reasons they decided to sell the place. Schmidtendorff also said that her husband's and her career were other reasons.

The Shoppenagon Hotel was named after Chippewa Chief David Shoppenagon. He moved to Grayling with his family sometime in 1876.

## Cheerleader to take bite out of the Big Apple

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

A family tradition of watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will have new meaning this year in a Grayling household.

This year Jessie Becks, daughter of

Carol and Bob Becks, will be performing, along with 300-400 other cheerleaders, as part of a national cheerleading group in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, broadcast live from New York City.

To qualify to perform in the parade,

Jessie tried out on July 3 at a cheerleading camp held in Grayling.

"I at first chickened out and didn't want to try out, but then I decided to because I didn't think I would make it, but I wanted the experience," Jessie said.

"During the try out I had to perform a dance, a cheer, a chant and I was also judged on spirit," Jessie said. According to Jessie, spirit was judged based on pep and how much a cheerleader smiled.

Once Jessie found out that she made the national cheerleading squad she was given the choice to perform in parades in either Philadelphia, New York or London.

"I didn't want to fly over the water for the London New Year's Day Parade and the Philadelphia parade was mainly for middle school students. Besides, it's a family tradition to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," Jessie said.

Jessie will be leaving for New York on Nov. 23. "I'll fly out of Traverse City by myself and my escort will meet me at the airport in New York," Jessie said.

"I'm not worried about her going alone because she's a very self-reliant girl. I also have a cousin in New York who will be there if she needs him," Jessie's mom, Carol, said.

To raise the money needed for the trip Jessie collected pop cans, babysat and worked around the house.

While in New York, Jessie will practice with her cheerleading group and will see a Broadway show, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State

Building and Radio City Music Hall. "I also want to go shopping at Macy's," Jessie said.

Seeing the sights and shopping will be done with other members of the cheerleading group.

Jessie will be rooming with a cheerleader from Michigan and two cheerleaders from Florida at the Hilton Tower while in New York City.

Last week Jessie received a T-shirt, sweatshirt, gym bag, her uniform and a videotape of the routine she will be performing during the parade.

"I have to have the routine memorized before I go to New York," Jessie said.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will be shown on NBC-TV beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, Nov. 28. The cheerleading squad will all be wearing red, yellow and white uniforms with UCA written on the front.

"I have no idea where we'll be in the parade, but I was told we'd be on television around 11 a.m.," Jessie said.

Jessie is a sophomore at Grayling High School where she cheered during the boys basketball season as a freshman and during this past football season. She plans to continue as a Viking cheerleader until she graduates.

Apart from her cheerleading honors, Jessie is also a straight-A student, president of her class, a member of the Central Michigan University Honors Band and was recently given the spirit award from the Grayling cheerleading squad.

## Winter Wolf Festival events being planned

The Winter Wolf Festival Committee has scheduled the annual festival for Saturday, Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.

This exciting weekend celebrates the bounty of snowfall and all of the outdoor winter activities that Grayling is famous for.

Some festival highlights include snowboard demos all day Saturday and Sunday. The Rosignal Cross Country Ski Team will be in Grayling Sunday morning.

Business Olympics is on Saturday night. The Bear's Bowmen Archery Club will host a Snowshoe/Archery Challenge on Sunday. And of course, the Chili Cookoff on Sunday will highlight area restaurants in competition for their chili recipes.

Any individual, business or organization that is interested in being a part of the event can call the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266.



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Jessie Becks

## Halloween Spookfest

### Grayling Recreation Authority

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	Tammy Kent	Nancy Wells




**GRAYLING FIRE**--Firefighters responded to this fire at 311 Mikado Monday, Nov. 18. Representatives of a number of area emergency-services agencies were on hand.

## No one injured in Grayling house blaze

A smaller fire turned into a larger structure fire Monday, Nov. 18 in the City of Grayling.

The fire to the house at 311 Mikado Street began at 12:59 p.m. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by law-enforcement authorities.

There were no injuries to the house occupants or the firefighters.

The alarm call came in as a dryer fire, initially. Grayling police officers arrived first on the scene and attempted to extinguish with fire extinguisher. Because of the heavy smoke and heat, the officers were unable to put out the blaze.

The officers relayed to the responding fire units that the dryer fire was, in fact, a structure fire.

The occupants of the home included Truman Potter, Lisa Potter and Jessica Ashworth.

In addition to the Grayling City Township Fire Department and Grayling Police Department, other emergency services at the scene included the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Frederic Fire Department, Beaver Creek Fire Department and the North Flight EMS.

**ON THE ROOF--**  
This local firefighter used an axe to break in the roof of this structure to battle the blaze. Photos by Eric Gaertner

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## Bancroft files for recount versus Long

**County commissioner race continues**

The county board district covers the City of Grayling residents. The State Board of Canvassers are

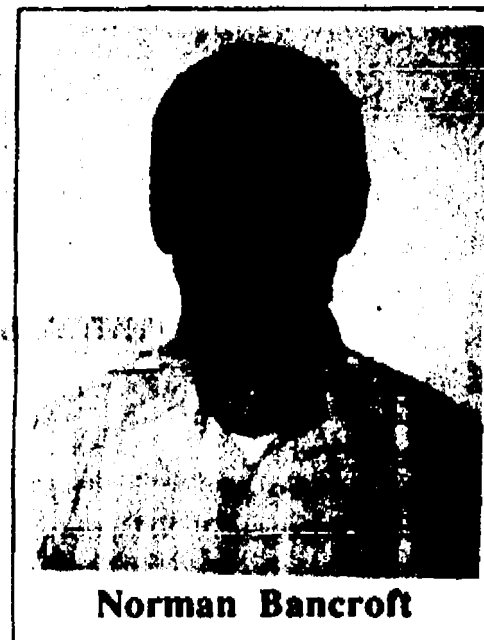
Although all of the Crawford County election ballots have been counted, one county commission candidate has filed for a recount.

Norman Bancroft, the Democratic challenger in the District 1 County Commissioner race, has issued the necessary paperwork with the county clerk's office for a recount of the district votes.

The initial results from the Nov. 5 General Election show Republican incumbent Dennis J. Long defeating Bancroft, 357 votes to 279.

scheduled to meet Nov. 25 to cover the general election results. According to election laws, a county recount can't occur until at least 48 hours after the State Board Canvassers have met.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said the recount won't happen until, at the earliest, the first week in December, because Thanksgiving is Nov. 28, relatively close to the state canvassers' meeting.



Norman Bancroft

## Correction FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

In last week's county election story, the results were correct in the South Branch Township Clerk race but The Avalanche inadvertently ran the wrong photo.

The Avalanche apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. The final results in the township clerk race were Democrat Laura A. Smith (390 votes) defeated Republican Jo Ann Tyler (301 votes).

**Grayling Recreation Authority News**

By Cindy Olson

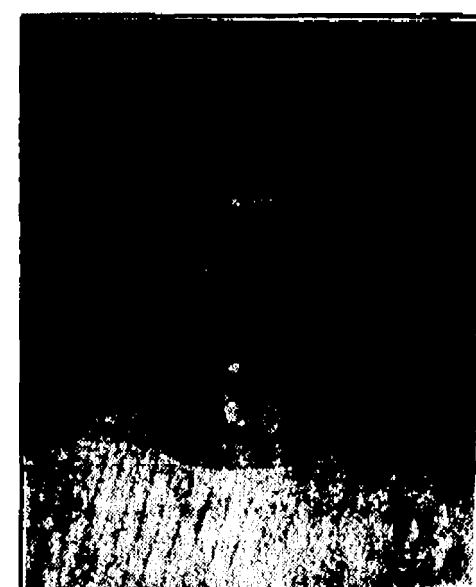
**Boys Basketball** — Scheduled to begin Saturday, Nov. 23. All players will meet at the High School Gym (this week only). 3rd and 4th grade 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 5th and 6th grade 10:30 a.m. to noon, Kindergarten - 2nd grade noon to 1:30 p.m. The first two weeks of the boy's program will be instructional. They will be placed on teams and get their shirts for the first game on Dec. 14.

**Ski Swap** — Bring your used equipment to sell on Friday, Nov. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Swap is Saturday, Nov. 24 from noon to 2 p.m.

**Karate** — Everyone's invited to join Karate classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Activity Center.

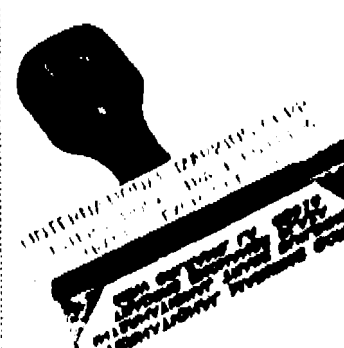
**Season Ski Memberships** — A great idea for Christmas gifts. Season passes are for sale now.

**Winter Ski Season Kick-off** — We are accepting donations now for our silent auction and raffle for our Ski Season Kick-off fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 and include hors d'oeuvres and music by the Wise Guys. They are available at the GRA office.



Laura Smith

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# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Humanistic Globalism

Last week we saw repeated details in the Bible of a satanic conspiracy for a one-world government. The Humanist Manifestos I and II prove there are human plans which could help Satan fulfill this Bible prophecy. Secular Humanists strive to deny, debase, and destroy all faith in God, the Bible and moral absolutes. They are destroying our morals. Under freedom of choice they support all sexual lifestyles, excepting compulsion or harm. Under a right to privacy they support "an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide." — Humanist Manifesto II, p. 18, 19.

Secular Humanism's attack upon our traditional religious values has produced moral chaos. Beyond this chaos is their goal of a new global morality: "Only a shared world and global measures will suffice." "We affirm a set of common principles that can serve as a basis for united action. ... They are a design for a secular society on a planetary scale." — Humanist Manifesto I, pages 14, 15.

Their globalism is unquestionable: "We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate. Thus we look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government." By declaring war obsolete, their design is for "disputes" to be resolved in "international courts." — Humanist Manifesto II, p. 21.

Secular Humanists are economic Marxists with visions "worldwide in scope." They say, "It is the moral obligation of the developed nations to provide — through an international authority that safeguards human rights — massive technical, agricultural, medical, and economic assistance, including birth control techniques, to the developing portions of the globe. World poverty must cease. Hence

extreme disproportions in wealth, income, and economic growth should be reduced on a worldwide basis." — Humanist Manifesto II, p. 23. (Boldness is added for emphasis)

Will we accept the globalism of the Humanists as our businesses and jobs move overseas to third world countries and foreign companies control our wealth? Do we care as we watch the slow death of our God-given American freedoms, the birth of market socialism, and the intense labor for a one-world religion and government? The Supreme Court in *Torcaso v. Watkins* 1961, defined Secular Humanism as a religion. Are we bowing to the humanist gods of the Humanist Manifestos? "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastor "B"

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## Christophers' holiday programming scheduled by diocese

In response to Bishop Patrick R. Cooney's commitment of utilizing the broadcast media to reach the faithful as well as the unchurched in the diocese with quality faith formation programming, two holiday specials for children have been scheduled for broadcast on WWTV-WWUPTV 9 & 10, the CBS television affiliate in Cadillac.

From the popular series, *The Christophers' Story Laboratory*, the Secretariat for Communications has arranged for the broadcasts of "A Thanksgiving Potpourri" for Saturday,

Nov. 23 at 3:30 p.m., followed on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. with "Come Celebrate Christmas."

Hosted by Ed Stivender, *The Christophers' Story Laboratory* is designed for elementary school age children and features stories from the Bible as well as other children's books, crafts such as puppet making, stories involving puppets, music and many other surprises.

## Neighboring county church celebrates 100 years

Harvest Time Church of God recently celebrated its 100th birthday of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"The church was started at Sheela School in 1896 in the mountains of North Carolina, when a group of believers came together for a prayer meeting," said Rev. Fred Costes, who pastors the church.

Everyone is welcome to attend the services at the Kalkaska church.

We think that you'll find almost anything through the classifieds. Whether it is employment, selling the junk in the basement, buying or just wishing someone happy birthday, the best possible choice for advertising is in the Crawford County **Avalanche Classifieds**. For more information, call 348-6811.

## Church Directory

### "How Do You Know?"



One day in late fall, little Jessica tugged at her mother's hand, and headed toward the front yard. "Mom," she exclaimed, nearly in tears, "my big old climbing tree is almost bald, like Grandpa got when he was old and sick before he died and went to heaven! Is my tree going to die like Grandpa?"

"No, Jessica," Mom reassured her. "It just looks that way."

"But how do you know?" Jessica cried. "It still lives inside," explained her mother. "where Grandpa's soul lived when he died and went to live with God. Your tree will look alive again when spring comes, because it lives inside." Jessica was puzzled.

"But how do you know?" Mom was patient. "Because of our faith in what God has promised us. Just believe me, Jess."

Our Lord says in John 20:29, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

That is how we know. As you worship this week, go to God as a child and just believe.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 65	Psalm 66	Psalm 67	Psalm 68	Psalm 69	Psalm 70	Psalm 71

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**First Baptist Church Of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Patterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974  
Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Strumal  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AnSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Vothler, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885-Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm St., Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Sherry McGuffin  
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224  
Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Wayne Horton  
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.  
Church School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Praying ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schamp  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor  
Lee Ann Duckley, Pastoral Associate  
702 Peninsula - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil ..... 5 p.m. (Oct.-April)  
..... 7 p.m. (May-Sept.)  
Sunday Mass ..... 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)  
..... 9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)  
Sunday Family Bible Study/Bearing ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Daily Masses ..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday  
Daily Worship  
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Mid-Week Services  
Prayer & Awaits Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French Minister  
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.  
275-8613  
Sunday Classes & Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Mid-week Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

**The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message**  
Pastor Duane E. Weaver  
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic  
Sunday Worship ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 p.m.

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Steader  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
Gayling, Mich.  
Sunday Morning ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Coffey  
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue  
(517) 348-2557  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services ..... 7 p.m.

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Costes  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Family Training Hour and Prayer, Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**Levella Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Courney  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Chapel Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 p.m.

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.  
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ... 7 p.m.

**St. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Bourger, Pastor  
905 North I-75 Business Loop  
348-5921 or 348-6504  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Worship School ..... 5 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 9 a.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study ..... 9 a.m.  
Thursday Men's Promise Keepers Study ..... 7 p.m.

**St. Francis' Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West-Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Praise ..... 10:30 a.m.  
(The second Sunday of each month)  
Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday nursery provided ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) ..... 6 p.m.

**St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran (Walt)**  
Herbert R. Fitter-Pastor  
For information call 275-5443  
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI

**Lutheran Baptist**  
Pastor James Durlin  
2347 Duques Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

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## Grief workshop set concerning young death

When a young person dies, we hear their death described as "untimely" or "died before their time."

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A unique support group "When

Young People Die" will be offered by Hospice of Michigan on the first three Saturdays in December. The sessions will begin at 10 a.m. to noon and will be held at the Roscommon Hospice of Michigan office at 107 S. Main Street.

Hospice of Michigan staff, Judy Ketterborn MSW and Cindy Wachowiak BA, Bereavement Coordinator,

will be facilitating this group.

The support group is open to anyone, at no charge, that is grieving the loss of a young person.

Hospice of Michigan is the first statewide non-profit hospice in the nation. Funding for this unique group is made possible through the Crawford County and Roscommon County

United Way Agencies, local churches and service organizations. Christler Funeral Home, Steuermol-McLaren Funeral Homes of Roscommon and Prudenville and Sorenson Funeral Home of Grayling and Hospice of Michigan sponsor many grief workshops and support groups throughout the year, which are open to the community at no charge.

Persons interested in the program can call 517-275-8967 or 1-800-553-1978.



**COOR GRANT** — Ian Faulkner from Weyerhaeuser presents a check to Kathy Case, teacher consultant for Autism.

## Grant received by COOR school district

The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation has announced that a grant in the amount of \$3,000 has been awarded to COOR Intermediate School District.

This funding will be used to purchase a laptop computer. This equipment will allow Kathy Case, teacher consultant for autism, to develop materials when she is in the local schools.

A multimedia computer generated inservice on autism will be available

to parents and staff, and special needs students will have access to special software, according to Case, who accepted the grant.

The COOR Intermediate School District includes the Counties of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon.

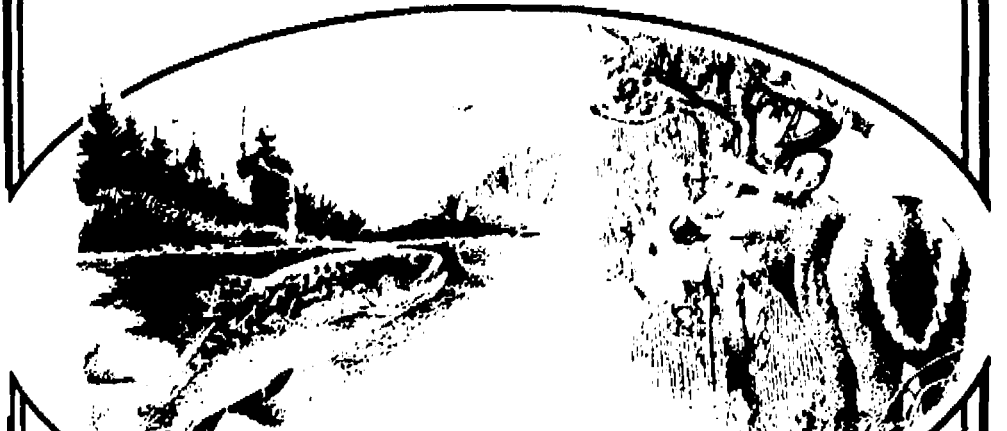
The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation was established in 1948 as the principle means of philanthropy for Weyerhaeuser Company. The Foundation's twofold mission is to

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# Major expansions mark state ski season opener

Michigan's ski areas are expanding both on the slopes—and off—to lure new eager learners as well as steady customers, reports AAA Michigan.

"Michigan's skiers have a lot to look forward to this winter," thanks to new developments opening this season, and new ways to have fun going downhill," said Bill Best, AAA Michigan's Travel Service director. "To meet the growing recreational pursuits of families, seven ski areas are building new snowboard parks or enlarging existing ones."

Some report an increase in 25- to 40-year-old boarders.

pipe, Nub's Nob, near Harbor Springs, continues preparations for the 1997 opening of its area, which will feature 10 more runs and a new four-place chairlift.

This season, two beginner runs have been added, and a glade created in an intermediate area, adding 11 acres of terrain. Just for families, Nub's also

doubled the size of the children's terrain garden, rebuilt one four-place chairlift and increased snowmaking capacity. Cross-country skiers will find nearly four more miles of trails for striders and skaters.

Other improvements by region include:

WEST MICHIGAN — Bitter-

sweet, near Oshtemo, added a rope tow to its terrain park and increased snowmaking 10 percent. At Crystal Mountain near Thompsonville, construction is underway on the 50-unit Inn at the Mountain. The first 28 units will open next season, increasing hotel rooms by nearly 40 percent. Crystal will offer snowshoe rental this



season, with 1,200 acres of woods to explore. Downhillers can try "Sidecut to Success," a new ski school program featuring super-sidecut skis. Starting in January, vacationers will also ski "two for the price of one" Thursday afternoons. Those age 55 and older get a free lesson Tuesday afternoons, while women 18 and older can ski free

Wednesday afternoons. Mount Holiday, near Traverse City, expanded its lodge for extra ski school and locker room space, upped snowmaking capacity 10 percent and enlarged its snowboard park, adding a rope tow and a second slide.

Shanty Creek, near Bellaire, is offering sidecut ski rentals and special

five-day ski packages to emphasize midweek skiing, and is enhancing its children's terrain area. The Homestead, Glen Arbor, will introduce guided cross-country telemark ski day and moonlight trips through private property in Leelanau County, geared to all ability levels (telemark cross-country skis allow easier downhill

skiing). Snowshoe rentals also will be available.

Swiss Valley, near Jones, increased its snowmaking capacity. Sugar Loaf, near Cedar, is adding a kid's terrain garden. Adults must be accompanied by a child. It will have its own rope tow, snow slides, bumps and rolls, and more. In addition, there will be a new

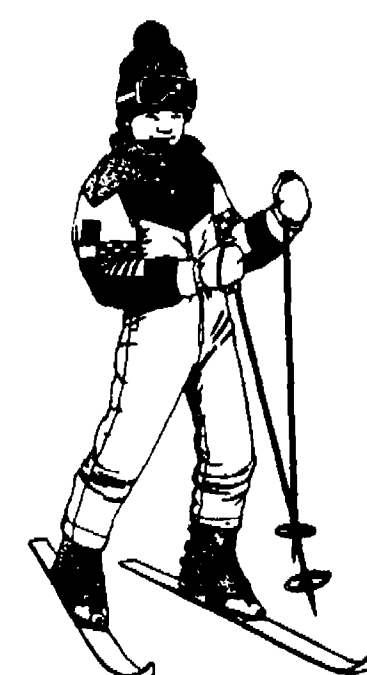
snow tubing area, the resort's outdoor pool will be open, and there will be several kilometers of added lighted cross-country ski trails. Other innovations include a remodeled lodge and an expanded snowboard park. Treetops, near Gaylord, is expanding its children's ski program for 4- to 10-year-olds to offer full- and half-day

lessons, and will feature high performance and sidecut ski rentals at its ski shop as well as snowboard rentals.

EAST MICHIGAN — At Apple Mountain, near Freeland, children age 4-6 ski free, and there are special learn-to-ski family packages. Snowflake, near Harrison, sports a re-contoured

snowboard area for easier chairlift access, and upgraded rental stocks.

UPPER PENINSULA — Black-jack, near Bessemer, in the second phase of snowmaking expansion, added a skier's terrain trail with jumps, tunnels and waves, as well as new snowboard rental equipment for its half-pipe and terrain park. Norway Mountain, near Vulkan, opens a three-acre snowboard terrain park this winter. Half its downhill runs have been widened by up to 50 percent, and it will offer sidecut ski rentals. Pine Mountain, near Iron Mountain, will open an eight-acre terrain garden and snowboard park served by a paddle lift. Sidecut skis are available for rent. At Ski Bruke, Iron River, the rental center and equipment have been expanded by 60 percent, with 100 sets of boards and boots. The ski shop will offer sidecut ski rentals.



SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN — Alpine Valley, near Milford, revamped its entire snowmaking system for greater efficiency and is offering day care for parents purchasing lift tickets. Regulars at Mount Brighton, near Brighton, will return to an advanced ski hill that's up to 25 feet higher, plus sidecut ski and snowboard rentals. Pine Knob, near Clarkston, has a new snowboard terrain park served by a rope tow.

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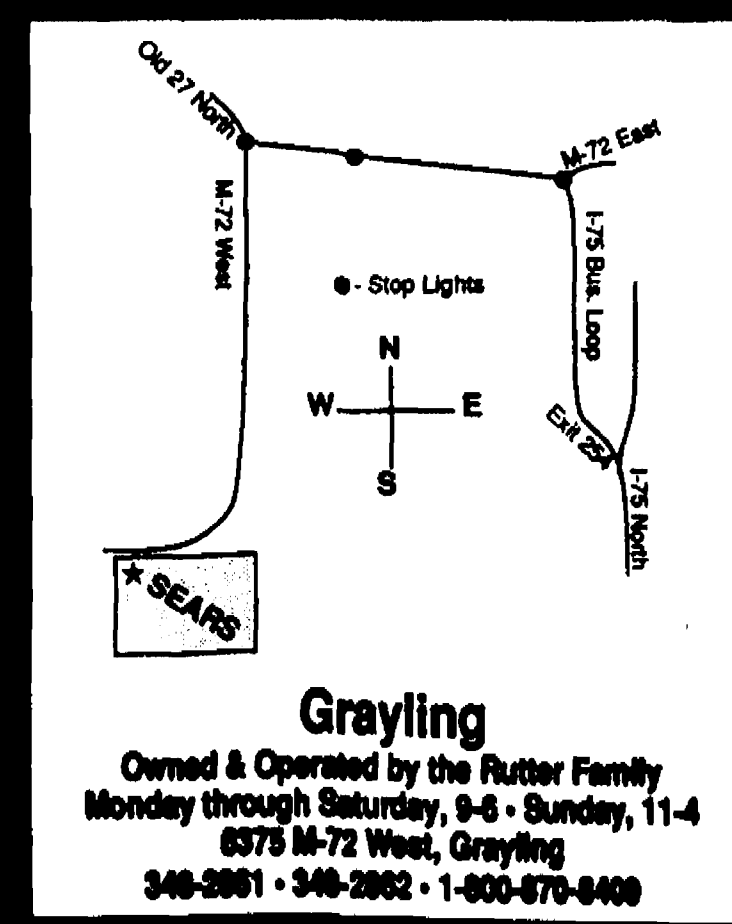
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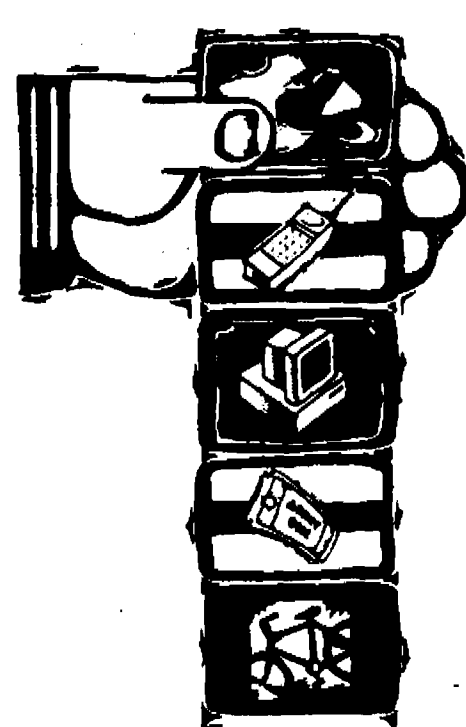
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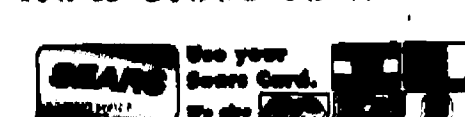
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**HONOR RECEIVED** — Dr. John Thiel was awarded a Fellowship at the annual surgical meeting. Thiel has practices in Gaylord and Grayling.

### Thiel receives Fellowship

Dr. John M. Thiel, orthopedic surgeon and member of N'Orthopedic's P.C. with practices in Gaylord and Grayling, received an honor from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons while at the annual surgical meeting on Oct. 18 in San Diego.

Dr. Thiel received a Fellowship in the ACOS. Recipients of the title "Fellow" have demonstrated their commitment to the practice of surgery, surgical teaching, authorship of professional papers and participation in local, state and national organizations.

Fellows have also adhered to the professional and ethical standards established by the profession. Dr. Thiel was accompanied to this meeting by his wife, Barbara, and his mother, Dolores Rochefort.

Dr. Thiel previously received his Fellowship in the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics in 1994 in Washington, D.C. He has practiced at Otsego Memorial Hospital and Grayling Mercy Hospital for more

than 15 years as a member of N'Orthopedic's P.C. and resides in Grayling.

## Defensive driving techniques take sting from winter roads

Whether heading to your favorite Michigan ski slope or to a warm weather state escape, six seconds can save a lot of grief when Michigan's weather turns nasty, according to AAA Michigan.

That's because the leading cause of traffic crashes on ice-slicked, snow-clogged roads is following the car in front too closely. The driver in front stops; the following driver can't.

Along with following some safe-driving techniques, Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan's community Safety Services manager, recommends increasing following distance on slippery roads from the good-road gap of three-seconds to six-seconds.

A good way to measure the six-second time gap is to pick out a distinct road marking or sign, and then begin counting when the car ahead passes that spot — "one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two..."

"You're tailgating if you get to that spot before counting to six," Basch said. "Too close for safety on slippery roads."

Stopping distances on melting ice and snow at the 32-degrees freezing point are twice as great as at zero temperatures.

Particularly troublesome are shaded areas and bridges, overpasses and intersections — areas where ice is likely to form first or be slipperiest, because the shiny ice surface has either been polished by previous traffic, a thin layer of water covers melting ice below or a temperature difference exists.

AAA Michigan offers the following

tips to help motorists steer clear of winter driving trouble:

- Improve visibility by clearing all snow and ice from the entire car — hood, roof, trunk, turn signals, lights, windows, mirrors, even fender wells. Also driving with headlights on low-beam provides better road illumination in snow and fog than using high-beams.
- Remember, posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns. Accelerate carefully so car wheels don't spin.
- Don't brake hard. The best technique for braking on ice or snow is "threshold" or "squeeze" braking. This is done by applying the brakes firmly to a point just short of lock up, and then easing off the brake pedal slightly. Applying steady pressure is better than "pumping" the brakes. If a person's vehicle has anti-lock braking, continuous firm braking is usually recommended. Check the owner's manual for proper procedure.
- In a skid, ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes. Carefully steer in the direction you want the car to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.
- Anticipate potential danger such as ice on bridges, snow-covered lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust speed, increase distance between other cars or change lanes to avoid trouble. Watch for other drivers who may be unprepared for changing road conditions.

## Lawmakers look to alternative to gas tax increase for roads

By Catherine Hollingsworth  
Capital News Service

County road commissions are disappointed about the slim chance of a gasoline tax increase, as lawmakers express reluctance — and alternatives — for such a move.

Sen. Walter North, R-St. Ignace, said the Senate's transportation reform package is the first step in dealing with debt and revenue loss issues.

A tax increase is only part of the answer to road problems, agrees Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto: "Though some think the easy answer to these complicated problems is an instant increase in the state gasoline tax, the Senate is looking into other options first."

A number of factors in the state's transportation funding system lower the effectiveness of each dollar spent by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Posthumus said.

Republican senators have given priority to three reforms that are expected to be cost-effective: competitive bids for road services, local funding control in counties and townships and a cap on liability for accident claims. The reform package has passed the Senate and is pending in the House.

The aim of the reforms, Posthumus said, is to reduce the need for higher taxes. "By improving the way we spend our dollars, we can put more money into roads and bridges."

Some lawmakers have lower

expectations.

North wants not to expect road improvements under the reforms, calling the package only "better than nothing." It won't generate sufficient revenue to deal with transportation funding problems, but I'm not poo-pooing the reforms.

North pointed out that any savings earned from the reforms will at least help pay back the debt from the Build Michigan bond program. Michigan owes \$300 million for that transportation initiative.

Gov. John Engler projects a \$50 million savings from the reforms, and said he won't consider a higher gasoline tax until the reforms become law.

Advocates have supported a 3-to-10-cent increase. The Michigan County Road Commission supports a 12-cent tax increase. Current gasoline tax is 15 cents a gallon.

There is no agreement on the size of the potential increase, but Engler wants to earmark 1 cent to cover the debt, and 1 cent to build and restore bridges. Engler press secretary John Truscott said lawmakers are negotiating how they would appropriate the balance of a tax increase of more than 2 cents.

According to current figures from the Michigan County Road Commission, a 1-cent gasoline tax hike would mean a difference of thousands of dollars for most county transportation funds.

Delta County, for example, would see its state share of about \$2.8 million increased by about \$100,000 under a 1-cent increase.

The transportation system under the new reforms could create a win-win situation if roads improve, debt decreases and revenue is freed up for

other transportation needs.

Senate Minority Floor Leader John Cherry of Clio is doubtful. "I voted against the package, because I don't believe it will generate any revenue."

Cherry also believes the Republicans acted hastily in trying to solve complex transportation issues. "It was a political move done in the spur of the moment," he said referring to the timing of the Senate vote and campaign season.

"They didn't consult us," said the Democrat senator. "The solution has to be bipartisan."

While the Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports the legislation as a boon for taxpayers, MDOT takes a more cautious position.

MDOT policy administrator Terry Gotts said it's too soon to judge the reforms. Gotts also agrees that talk of a gasoline tax increase is premature.

"Until legislators can determine the best use of money, there won't be a blanket increase," Gotts predicts.

This disappoints road commissioners, who advocate a tax increase to improve local roads.

"Michigan is at the bottom for receiving revenue from the gas tax," said Andy Trim, managing director of the Delta County Road Commission in Gladstone. Michigan ranks 45th in the nation in revenue collected from a gallon of fuel.

Trim believes Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula are even lower priority. "Here, the roads deteriorate faster," Trim attributes the conditions to more snow in the area, which results in more plowing and other treatment during winter.

"They don't pay attention to this," Trim said about current state and federal funding formulas, which do make provisions for average snowfall. But the county must wait a year before that can be calculated, delaying funds for snow removal.

State funding for county road budgets is based mainly on population is a critical factor because the U.P. is less populated than down state.

"They classify the whole state without considering separate geographic areas," Trim said. "We can live with the current situation, but don't expect better roads."

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**PUPPET PEOPLE** — Cindy Witkowski (left), volunteer manager, and Cindy Wachowiak, HOM Bereavement Counselor, introduce the puppets used for role-playing activities.

## Hospice adopts puppet people

Through a \$4,000 grant, The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation assisted Hospice of Michigan in the adoption of seven new family members to their statewide Children's Grief Support Program.

The Puppet People educate and communicate with children who have experienced a loss, through role-playing similar family experiences that involve end of life issues. The actors

consist of grandpa Jack, grandma Gertie, father Michael, mother Janet, brother Andy, sister Emily, and their dog Sandy.

Upon arrival in October, they received their names by members of the Houghton Lake High School Teen Grief Group, facilitated by Cindy Wachowiak, HOM Bereavement Counselor and co-facilitated by Sue Milner, HLHS Student Assistant

Program Leader.

Current engagements for the puppet people include the Roscommon Headstart Program, ROOC, Inc., Roscommon Co-Op Nursery School, and St. Helen Elementary School. Funding for the HOM Bereavement Services is provided in part by The United Way of Crawford and Roscommon Counties, area churches and service organizations.

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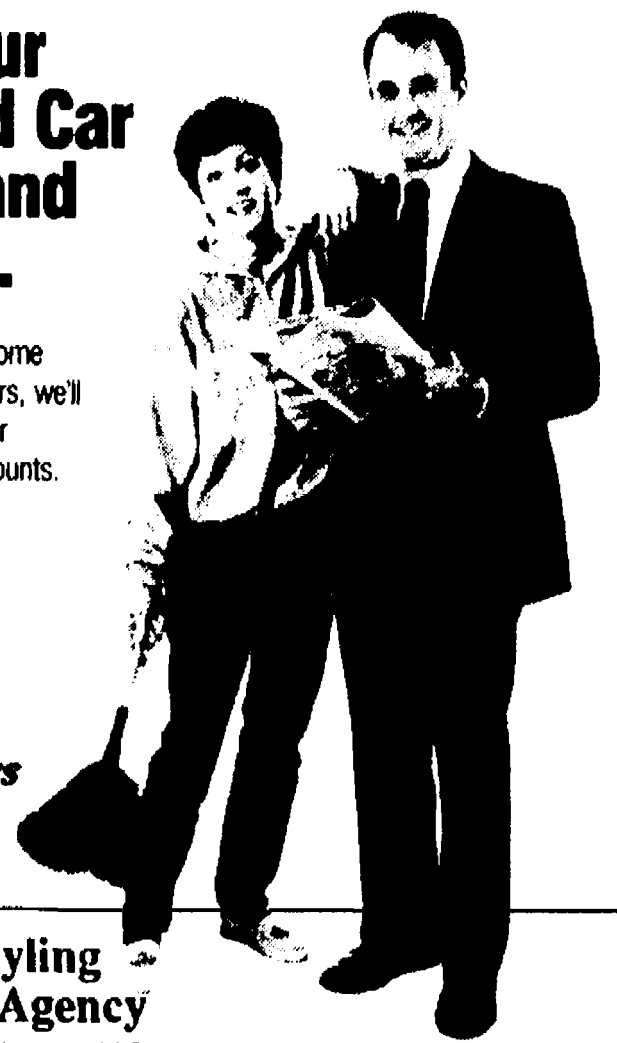
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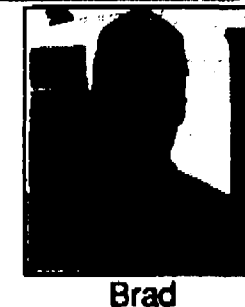
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## Home care, hospice celebrated in November

During the month of November, more than 18,000 agencies across the nation join together to celebrate National Home Care and Hospice Month.

This month focuses on the ability of the home-care industry to combine compassionate care with innovative technology. In recent years, the development of portable user-friendly, life-sustaining equipment has allowed therapies such as IV, nutrition, pain control and chemotherapy to be administered in the home setting.

Some high-tech home-care products and services that once required hospital inpatient supervision can now be administered by the patients themselves, or family members, following instruction and monitoring by home care staff.

One nurse who works a pediatric high-tech case highlights the human component of home care by stating, "If my pediatric patient is having a bad day, hugs and love may mean more to

him than the technical skills I offer while monitoring his oxygen and caring for his tracheotomy." Technology with lots of caring go hand-in-hand with home care.

Home health services are generally appropriate for those disabled, recovering or chronically-ill individuals who need medical treatment and/or assistance with activities of daily living.

Nationwide, close to 390,000 Americans last year chose hospice care. What makes this concept appealing? Hospice recognizes that each patient and family is different. Peace, comfort, and caring may mean

different things to different people. One of the most powerful components of hospice is that it offers the family unit an individualized plan of compassionate and comprehensive care. Each family has unique and changing needs which the hospice interdisciplinary team of professionals continually addresses.

Hospice is an attitude, an innovative, creative approach in managing and realizing potential to maintain dignity and quality of life for the terminally ill and their families. In addition to the physical aspect, hospice focuses on the psychological and spiritual needs of each patient and his or her family,

enabling them to experience their own peace, comfort and caring at the end of life. This grass-roots philosophy now helps patients who cannot add days to their lives but can add life to their days.

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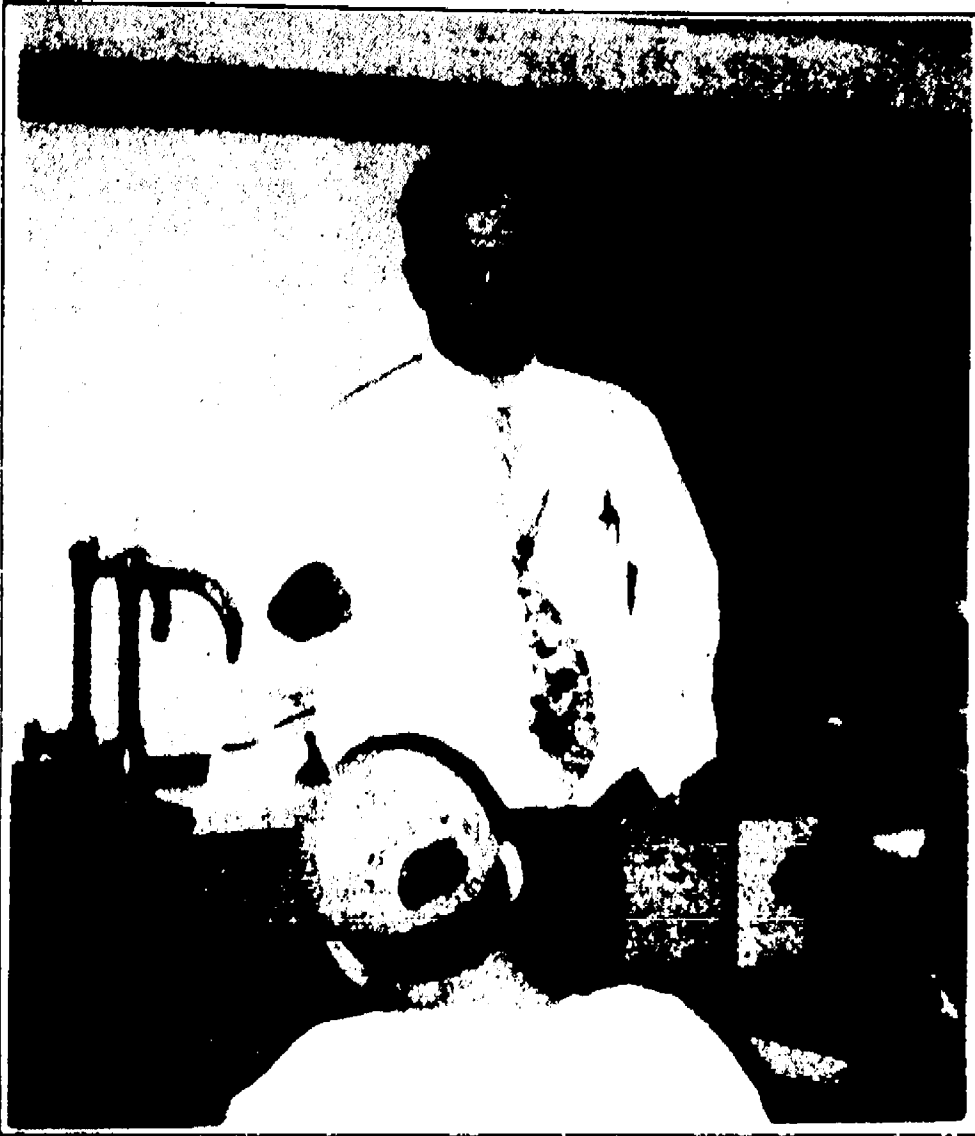
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**NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER** — Chuck Schepke, Grayling High School science instructor, talks with students in Biology. (Evan Glicker Photo)

## Schepke joins GHS science department

By Nancy Lemmen  
Special Writer

The opportunity to be a part of a top-notch school district is the reason that Chuck Schepke chose to accept a science teaching position at Grayling High School this fall.

His current teaching assignment includes environmental science, biology and general science at all four grade levels at GHS.

Schepke earned a bachelor's degree at Oakland University, with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. After working in several different types of positions — including cancer research — he obtained his teaching certificate from Wayne State University.

Before coming to Grayling this fall, Schepke taught eighth grade science and a course entitled Technical Preparation at Houghton Lake Middle School.

One of his goals at GHS is to initiate and participate in an applied science

curriculum.

"I want to instill in students a lust for learning and to apply scientific techniques and concepts by relating them to real life experiences and applications," he said.

Warren (Butch) Hayes, an instructor in the GHS science department, works with Schepke.

"Chuck is a great asset to our science department," said Hayes. "(He) shows a great amount of enthusiasm, puts in a tremendous amount of preparation and enjoys demonstrating and leading kids in hands-on activities."

Judi Gorski is principal of GHS.

"Mr. Schepke is an incredibly talented and dedicated teacher," said Gorski. "He is experienced, competent and caring. His expertise in technology education will benefit GHS students. We are lucky to have him."

Schepke and his wife Michelle have three children — six-year-old Chase, three-year-old Zane, and Hope, who is going on one year old.

When not working, he said he enjoys scuba diving, running, fossil and mineral collecting, camping hunting and spending time with his family.

Schepke replaces JoAnn Manor, who resigned last year.

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Eric Benjamin Vietto of New Baltimore, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Of Marihuana and was fined \$410.

Deborah Ann Hill of Mt. Clemens, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Of Marihuana and was fined \$410.

Steven William Lancy of Warren, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Schedule 5 and was fined \$410.

Dain Matthew Demchik of New Baltimore, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Of Marihuana and was fined \$410.

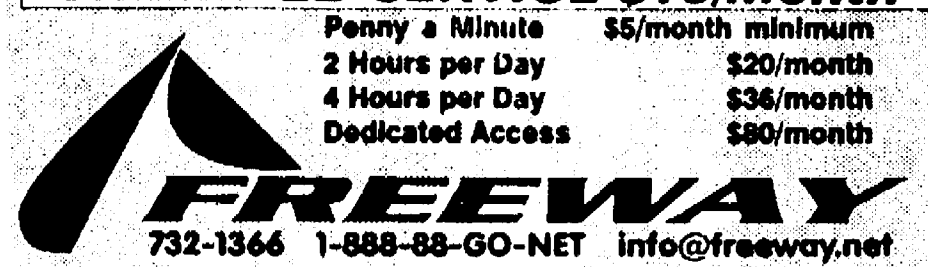
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## Wyant praises DNR for extending antlerless deer season

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant lauded the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for announcing a special December antlerless deer season, saying the move will benefit the state's consumers by preventing damage to Michigan's crops and preventing deer-vehicle accidents.

"Michigan farmers will be pleased with DNR's action because it should reduce the number of deer foraging on their cropland," said Wyant. "This effective management tool may also decrease the number of deer-vehicle accidents and prevent the starvation of deer in areas where the deer population exceeds the range capacity."

An interim order, signed by DNR Director K.L. Cool, establishes a special antlerless deer season in designated areas beginning Dec. 1 and running through Dec. 8.

According to Cool, a person with an

unused antlerless deer tag who purchased a 1996 firearm deer license may participate in the special antlerless deer hunt, but only on private lands within the deer management unit designated on the antlerless deer tag. The season limit of one antlerless deer per antlerless deer license remains in effect during the special hunt, as do all other firearm deer hunting regulations.

The designated areas include only private lands in all Lower Peninsula deer management units open in 1996. In the Upper Peninsula, hunters with an unused antlerless deer tag will be allowed to hunt on private lands in the central U.P. deer management units 215, 317, 318, 322 and 414. Units 215, 317 and 318 cover portions of Delta, Menominee and Marquette counties; unit 322 is a small tract in southern Alger and northern Delta counties, and unit 414 is in southern Dickinson county.

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Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
Knights of  
Columbus  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

**Thursday - 7 pm**  
American  
Legion Hall  
Post 106 - Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
Grayling Eagles  
Aerie #3465  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Saturday - 6:30 pm**  
Frederic  
Volunteer Fire  
Department  
Frederic Township Hall



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Mr. and Mrs. Gary Willoughby announce the engagement of their son George Duncan to Danielle Shawver. Duncan is a 1986 graduate of Grayling High School. After high school he attended Michigan State University, then in 1987, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years. George is currently a motor carrier officer with the Michigan State Police assigned to the Bridgman post.

Shawver is the daughter of Don and Christine Shawver of New Buffalo. She is a 1992 graduate of New Buffalo High School and a 1994 graduate of Ferris State University. Shawver is currently working as an optician and vision therapist at Smoke Family Vision in New Buffalo.

The couple currently reside in Three Oaks, and a July 12, 1997 wedding is planned.

## Card of thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends who sent food, cards, flowers, mass cards, thoughts and prayers. Also for the donations to Mercy Manor Van Fund and the Crawford County Library.

A special thanks to the Catholic Women's Club for the lovely luncheon, Mercy Hospital Aux., K of C, the staff at Mercy Manor, Dr. Arthur Kerle, David and Karen Ross, Sister Rosemary and Fr. Robert Nalley.

The family of  
Angela Kirkum

## Pom pon tryouts to be held

Tryouts for the Grayling Recreation Authority 1996-97 pom pon squad will be held on November 24-26.

High school girls in grades 9-12 are invited to tryout for the squad. Sports physicals are required.

The pom pon squad will perform at halftime during all Friday home games of the Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team.

Sign up sheets and forms will be available at the Grayling High School office.

## September housing starts slow

Michigan 1996 housing-project starts were up 12.7 percent from 1995 year-to-date totals through the month of September. September housing-project starts were down 11.6 percent from August.

"Construction in Michigan remains strong," said Jerel Konwinski, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "September took an expected seasonal dip, but was stronger than the month of September in 1994 and 1995."

"There are very few signs of any short-term changes," Konwinski said. "People feel secure in their employment and are looking to invest in the American dream of owning their own home."

Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber rose to \$453 in September from \$429 in August. Fixed-rate mortgages rose to 8.28 percent in September from 7.88 percent in August.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) is comprised of more than 10,500 member companies, thus providing service to over 400,000 people in the home-building/construction industry. MAHB also represents 36 local home-builders associations throughout the state.

## OBITUARIES

### Clifford Felver

Clifford "Bud" T. Felver, 58, died Nov. 16, 1996 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Emmet. He was born in Owosso on Aug. 30, 1938 to Thrum C. and Leona I. (Griffin) Felver.

Mr. Felver moved to Crawford County 15 years ago from California. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marie Betty Porter; brothers, Ralph, Leslie, Archie, and one infant brother.

He is survived by his girlfriend, Julie Sawade; a son, Clifford Thrum Felver; a daughter, Cindy Felver; a sister, Irene "Sally" Gunderson of Fort Worth, Texas; brothers, Edward Felver of Grand Rapids, James Felver of New Port Richey, Florida, and Robert Howe of Grayling; half-brothers, Cecil Felver of Breckenridge, Michael Felver of Fenton, Duane Felver of Walled Lake, Darrell Felver of White Lake, Gary Felver of Milford; and half-sisters, Vickie Lynn Eagle of Pontiac, Brenda Felver of Milford, Vivian Lownsberry of Frederic.

No services will be held.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc.

### In memory of

**Betty R. McClellan**

We love you mom very much.

There's not a day that goes by we don't miss your touch; you always put us first and you last.

Your strength, wisdom and love was precious to us all; you were always there when one of us would fall. Our world just seems so empty since you went away, but we know in our hearts we will be with you some day.

Sadly missed by  
Husband and Children

### Alice Bond

Alice L. Bond, 87, wife of the late Frank L. Bond, died on Nov. 15, 1996 in Oscoda. She was born April 27, 1909 at Eckford.

She resided in Grayling from 1933 to 1987. During that time, she was a housewife, substitute teacher for the Grayling schools, and co-owner of Penrod's Cabins from 1947-1963. In addition, she was a member of Michelson Memorial Church, the Grayling Golf Club and several bridge clubs. Upon Frank's retirement from the Grayling public schools, they joined the Avion Travelcade Club, traveling across the United States, Canada, and Mexico for 20 years.

Surviving are daughter Joan and husband Fred Miller of Oscoda, son James and wife Phyllis Bond of Grayling, son Jonathan and wife Joan Bond of Franktown, Colorado.

Grandchildren: Ronald Miller of Shelby Township, Susan and husband Michael Mills of Bellaire, Jeffrey and wife Becky Bond of Grayling, Julie and husband Jeff Olmstead of Grand Rapids, Meridith and husband Gary Ebert of Franktown, Colorado, and Randall and wife Tammi Bond of Littleton, Colorado.

Five great-grandchildren: Robert Lawe and Kyle Bond, both of Grayling, Molly Olmstead of Grand Rapids, Amanda Ruiz and Tristan Ebert of Franktown, Colorado.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grayling Alumni Association, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.



Mr. and Mrs. Dana Mirate

## Mirate, Spagnuolo speak vows

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Spagnuolo of Lansing announced the marriage of their daughter Amy Maria to Dana Jeffrey, son of Jeffrey and Karen Mirate of Grayling.

The wedding took place at St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Lansing with Father Sylvester Fedewa officiating. The reception took place at the Sheraton Hotel.

Maid of Honor was Tina Zdume of Lansing, cousin of the bride and Josh Woodland of Grayling was the Best Man. Bridesmaids were friends, Christa Ribiero of San Francisco and Tammy Kim of Washington D.C., Natalie Trepanier of Ann Arbor, cousin of the groom; Angela Hutting, cousin

of the bride from Lansing. Jill Mirate, sister of the groom; and Nicole Medeiros of Canada, cousin of the bride were the Junior Bridesmaids.

Albert Oregon, cousin of the bride was the Ring Bearer. Groomsmen were: Tim Hough of Grayling, friend of the groom; Sean Mirate, brother of the groom; Salvatore and Michael Spagnuolo, brothers of the bride. Ushers were Dave Zdume, cousin of the bride and Derek Mason, cousin of the groom, both of Lansing. Sean also played the piano prior to the church service. Soloist was Marilyn Smith and Cecelia Costigan was organist, both of Lansing.

Dana and Amy enjoyed their honeymoon in Italy where they were able to visit with some of Amy's family. They are now making their home in Lansing. They are both graduates of Michigan State. Amy and her family own the Spagnuolo Restaurant in Okemos and Dana works for the DNR, the Sheraton Hotel, and also continues to take classes at MSU.

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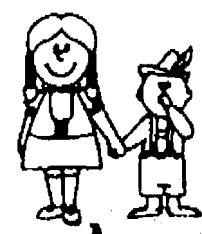
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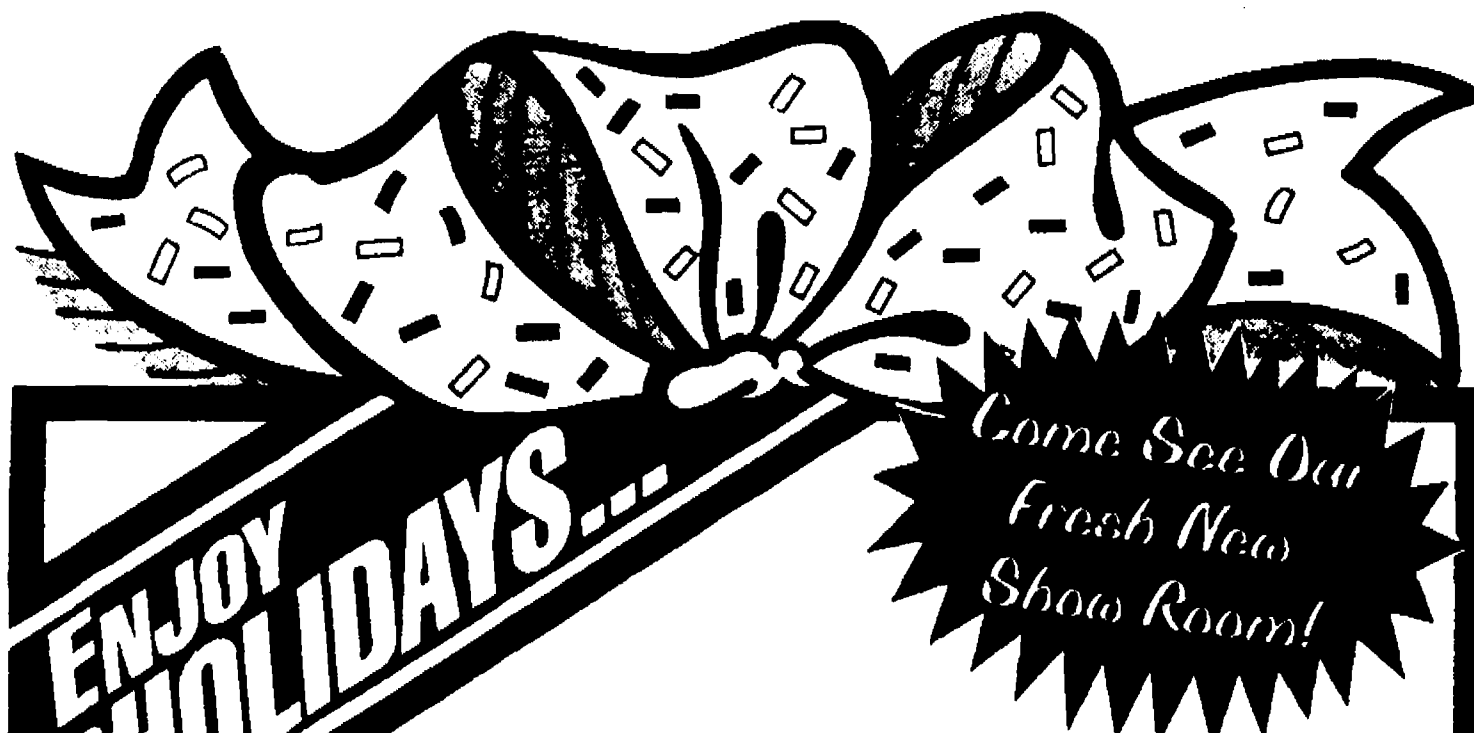
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## United Way helps support 19 member agencies

The United Way of Crawford County helps to support 19 member agencies which provide a number of community services.

One of these agencies is RSVP of Crawford County.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is comprised of people age 55 and older. There are presently

about 200 volunteers in Crawford County.

RSVP volunteers are active at Mercy Hospital, the Historical Museum, the Book Nook at Hartwick Pines and the Christian Help Center, to name a few.

Drivers are provided for the Meals on Wheels program and for transportation related to medical needs.

KCC Volunteer Center is another United Way agency.

The goal of the Volunteer Center of Kirtland Community College is to serve as a clearing house for volunteers in the Crawford County area.

The KCC Volunteer Center operates as part of a local, state, and national network.

Finally, ROOC, Inc., is also a United Way agency.

ROOC, Inc., is a non-profit corporation for adults providing services by contract for agencies serving Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties.

The divisions include a sheltered workshop, work services, day services, work adjustment, vocational evaluation center, vocational skills training, job placement, and school to work transition.

The co-chairs for this year's United Way Campaign are Bill Gannon and Jerry and Marianne Gosnell.

The co-chairs communicate with the various United Way departments to make sure everyone is working toward the common goal.

They work with committees developing fundraisers such as the annual auction and pledge drives, as well as the 19 organizations United Way helps support.

A large percentage of people may have benefited from United Way and not even have realized it. They may have received help from an agency assisted by United Way.

"It touches everybody" says Bill Gannon.

## Christmas workshop location changed

Beyond the Garden Wall will host a Christmas hands-on workshop on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School.

The workshop originally was scheduled for the St. Mary's Learning Center, but has since been changed to the elementary school location.

Patti Blake, garden club member and a florist for 10 years, will work up a holiday centerpiece at the workshop. Greens will be provided, but those attending are asked to bring a container or basket with liner to hold water, scissors, ribbon, pine cones and other decorations to trim the centerpieces.

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Michelle Elsnor  
Jennifer Feutz  
Ann Hughes  
Tashoena Joseph  
Matthew Kersey  
Nicole Larm  
Rachel Ramaswamy  
Regina Rosi  
Johnna Schultes  
Denae Southworth  
Alexis Sumner

### 7th Grade "B" and Above

Nicole Alandi  
Stephanie Ashton  
Larry Baynham  
Scott Bearss  
Jonathan Boerger  
Jamie Bourrie  
Jenna Bugyi  
Steven Cassell  
Keil Clough  
Charlotte Crossley  
Nicholas D'Amour  
Samantha Davis  
Jamie Dent  
Melissa Ducastel  
Michael Eagen  
Rachael Evon  
Kalub Fedak  
Justin Fenn  
Damian Fleischmann  
Isaac Ford  
Randy Ford  
Anna Fortino  
Nathan Frankina  
John Gardiner  
Doncal Gates  
Michelle Gildner

Brandon Gorr  
Michael Hale  
Nathan Haskel  
Katie Haskin  
Nickole Hatley  
Lorinda Hinkle  
Jennie Hubbard  
Jennifer Huckabay  
Kelly Jansen  
T. J. Johnson  
Shannon Johnston  
Travis LaMotte  
Scott Latusek  
Sasha Latusek  
Jennifer Lehman  
Christina Lockwood  
Darcie Lovely  
Christopher Malone  
Benjamin McNally  
Kirkann Meyer  
Heather Miller  
Ryan Mirate  
Michael Nisch  
Lucuss Odden  
Amanda Paisley  
Andrew Palmer  
Joshua Petersen  
Michele Pratt  
T. J. Rankin  
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Richard Riggs  
Richard Schmidt  
Jessica Strait  
Ryan Swope  
Forrest Thompson  
Nathan Thompson  
Rachel Vanguilder  
Robert VanNuck  
Christina Voelker  
Alesha Wargo  
Sarah Weaver  
James Welch  
Chet Wheeler  
Andrew Winingier  
Lloyd Winkler

### 8th Grade All "A" Honor Roll

Levi Burkett  
Nicollette Earls  
Danielle Outman  
Gwen Seifert  
Jillian St. Germain  
Jennifer Wheeling  
Gary Winchester

### 8th Grade "B" and Above

Jessica Abfalter  
Jennifer Alma  
Marcus Bobenmoyer  
Kristina Brady  
Andrew Brookes  
Victor Cdebeca  
Jason Colten  
Angela Cooper  
George Cooper  
Brandon Cox  
Kyle Crawford  
Michael D'Amour  
Wendy Dedafce  
Michael Demoinies  
Miranda Ellis  
Nathan Everson  
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Angela Fisher  
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## It's Thanksgiving season — give thanks

Nancy Lemmen  
Special Writer

The homeless animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County have very little for which they can be thankful. But there are ways — in addition to adoption — that humans can help make their lives a little better during their stay at the shelter.

When you're shopping for your own family's Thanksgiving dinner, consider purchasing an extra item or two to take to the animal shelter.

The following items are greatly needed:

- dog and cat food (preferably not generic)

- laundry detergent
- laundry bleach

Also needed are:

- choke chains (extra heavy duty kind)

- dog and cat toys — rubber, squeaky ones for the dogs and catnip for the

cats

- dog and cat treats

- Glen's and Carter's cash register slips

- Ken-L Ration and Cycle Homeless

- Homer symbols

- kitty litter

- paper toweling

- particle board

- plastic gloves (throwaway style)

- rolls of quarters for the laundromat

- 2 1/2-3 gallon hard plastic pails

- short hard plastic pails (for puppies)

- large plastic tarps

- scrub brushes (heavy duty kind)

- soft soap (anti-bacterial kind)

- snow shovel

- Spartan brand labels

- Spic and Span

- stamps for letters (32¢)

- tennis balls

- toilet paper

- used (but clean) towels, blankets, sweaters, bathrobes, throw rugs

- trash bags

Call the shelter at 348-4117 to arrange to drop off your donations.

Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays-Saturdays, and 8-11 a.m. on Sundays.

The shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street.

## Hanson Hills Ski Swap

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Friday, November 22

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Pick up your money or leftover equipment Saturday, November 24 12 noon - 2 p.m.

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Licenses may be purchased now at the Crawford County Treasurer's Office, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, and the Grayling Hospital for Animals.

Licenses may also be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurer's Office ONLY. Send a check or money order and valid proof of rabies vaccination.

Beginning November 15, 1996, licenses may also be purchased from Beaver Creek Township, South Branch Township, Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township and Lovells Township.

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Joseph V. Wakeley  
Crawford County Treasurer

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**HELP NEEDED** — Weyerhaeuser Structurwood Mill of Grayling continues its role as primary sponsor of the canoe marathon. Committee members met with Phil Dennett recently at the Mill to discuss plans underway for the 50th race, July 26 and 27, 1997. Anyone interested in helping with the celebration of this event contact either of the above officers or leave a message at 348-4425. The officers pictured with Dennett (middle) are 1997 Canoe Marathon Chairman Joe Wakeley (left) and 1997 Vice-Chairman Wayne Koppa.

## November named National Alzheimer's Disease Month

In November, as the country recognizes National Alzheimer's Disease Month, the Alzheimer's Association Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute celebrates its first anniversary. There is much to celebrate as significant progress in Alzheimer research was made during the inaugural year of the Reagan Institute.

"The Reagan Institute was created to serve as a symbol of hope for those who share our dream of finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease," said Nancy Reagan.

Over the last few years, real progress has been made in understanding this devastating disease. While scientists may never be able to cure the brain damage caused by Alzheimer's disease, recent advances could lead to prevention in coming years.

"For the first time there is a real potential for developing preventions and more effective treatments," stated

Zaven Khachaturian, Ph.D., director of the Reagan Institute.

"There is the distinct possibility that within the next five years, interventions could be developed that would extend a patient's independence by five years, and within the next 10 years, to extend independence another 10 years," he added.

One of the most promising new horizons in Alzheimer's disease research today involves estrogen replacement therapy (ERT), a therapy given to women at menopause. Studies such as those published in the Aug. 17 issue of *The Lancet* and most recently, in the Oct. 26 issue of *Archives of Internal Medicine*, suggest that ERT may help delay or prevent the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Scientists believe that estrogen may improve cognitive skills through interaction with various aspects of the nervous system and by increasing cerebral blood flow.

"Recent studies have indicated that ERT can reduce women's risk of developing Alzheimer's by 30 to 40 percent," said Dr. Khachaturian. "Furthermore, evidence is growing that ERT can improve mental abilities, especially in women who already have Alzheimer's," he added. Additionally, the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study (WHIMS) was initiated last May to examine the role of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) in more than 8,000 women over the next six to nine years. An ancillary study to the National Institutes of Health's Women's Health Initiative, WHIMS will provide comprehensive results regarding the role of estrogen in treating and preventing Alzheimer's disease.

With the help of the Reagan Institute, scientists are currently exploring other potential leads to preventing Alzheimer's disease as well. A long-term study released last March suggested that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) reduced the risk of Alzheimer's by 30 to 60 percent. Scientists believe these drugs help reduce brain inflammation which may be one stage of the development of Alzheimer's disease.

The Reagan Institute, the leading edge in Alzheimer's research, is

dramatically changing and accelerating the process of discovering new treatments for Alzheimer's disease. Established by the Alzheimer's Association on Nov. 1, 1995 as an expansion of its research program, the Institute works to reduce the numbers of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease; shorten the time victims suffer from the disease; and cut the financial, physical and emotional cost of care. In addition to providing grants for research, the Institute works to bring together scientists from around the world to hasten the exchange of information and technology.

"As an essential component of the Alzheimer's Association, the Institute offers hope to the millions of Americans currently suffering from this devastating disease as well as to their families and caregivers," said Jim Clearwood, Executive Director of the Association's Northeastern Michigan Chapter.

Approximately 500 Alpena and 4,400 northeastern Michigan residents and a total of four million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease, an incurable, degenerative disease of the brain that destroys memory, cognitive abilities and judgment. One in 10 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's disease. The disease also affects hundreds of thousands of Americans in their 40s and 50s. The incidence of Alzheimer's Disease is about the same for all races, but women are more likely than men to develop the disease, in part because they live longer.

The Northeastern Michigan Chapter provides educational, outreach and support services to the residents of 11 counties throughout Northeastern Michigan. Persons seeking information on Alzheimer's Disease or local programs and services for Alzheimer families can call the Alzheimer's Association's Northeastern Michigan Chapter at (517) 356-4087 or 1-800-337-3827.

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Students from the Grayling High School Drama Department will be entertaining audiences when they perform "The Imaginary Invalid" from Nov. 21-23.

"The Imaginary Invalid", set in 17th Century France, is about a hypochondriac who wants his daughter to marry a doctor.

The play features a cast of Abby Chase, Jared Armstrong, Paul Niederer, Simon Jahnichen, Meghan Gosling, Christina Kenney, Ben Mallory, Evan Glicker, Anthony Renon, Crystal Pilon, Mary Bobemeyer, Heidi Wallace, Annie Blair, William Gosling and Sarah Carman.

The play is directed by David Glicker and Jodi Gay and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



Kelly Failing

## Grayling woman inducted to CMU honor fraternity

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity announced the induction of Kelly Failing of Grayling as a charter member of the newly activated Gamma Mu Chapter at Central Michigan University.

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity is an organization based on the principles of scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

Membership in Phi Sigma Pi is open to undergraduate students from all academic disciplines who possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Phi Sigma Pi recognizes students with high academic achievements and rewards them with membership in the highly-active organization.

Nationally, Phi Sigma Pi is a member of the Professional Fraternity Association, has over 65 collegiate chapters and is rapidly expanding to selected campuses across the United States.

## Breakfast with Santa planned

Santa Claus is coming to town! Persons can come join Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, Dec. 14 when the Grayling Promotional Association's annual Breakfast With Santa is held.

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## City issues safety warning

Police Chief Peter Stephan and Grayling Fire Chief Russ Strohpeul send out the following safety warning: Recently a natural gas furnace was taken from the front yard of a home on Ogema Street in the City of Grayling.

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# COMMUNITY SPORTS

## Vikes end regular season on high note

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School girls varsity basketball team traveled to Gaylord on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and struggled against the Blue Devils. The Vikings were defeated 67-29.

"Gaylord pressed all game and we struggled handling their pressure. What really hurt us was the fact that we missed 16 layups and this allowed them to get a 37-15 lead," said Head Coach Tom Mills.

"When a team is pressing you, a lot of your points will come from breaking the press and scoring on layups, but we could not capitalize and that made all the difference in the game," said Mills.

Viking Erin Mills led the scoring with eight points and had 10 rebounds. The Vikings hosted Elk Rapids on Thursday, Nov. 14. This was the Vikings' last regular-season game.

The Vikings honored their two seniors — Michelle Dunkley, who played varsity for three years, and Jessica St. Germain, who played varsity for two years. The two were presented with a white carnation for each year of varsity competition.

The Vikings went on to improve the night by defeating Elk Rapids, 43-39.

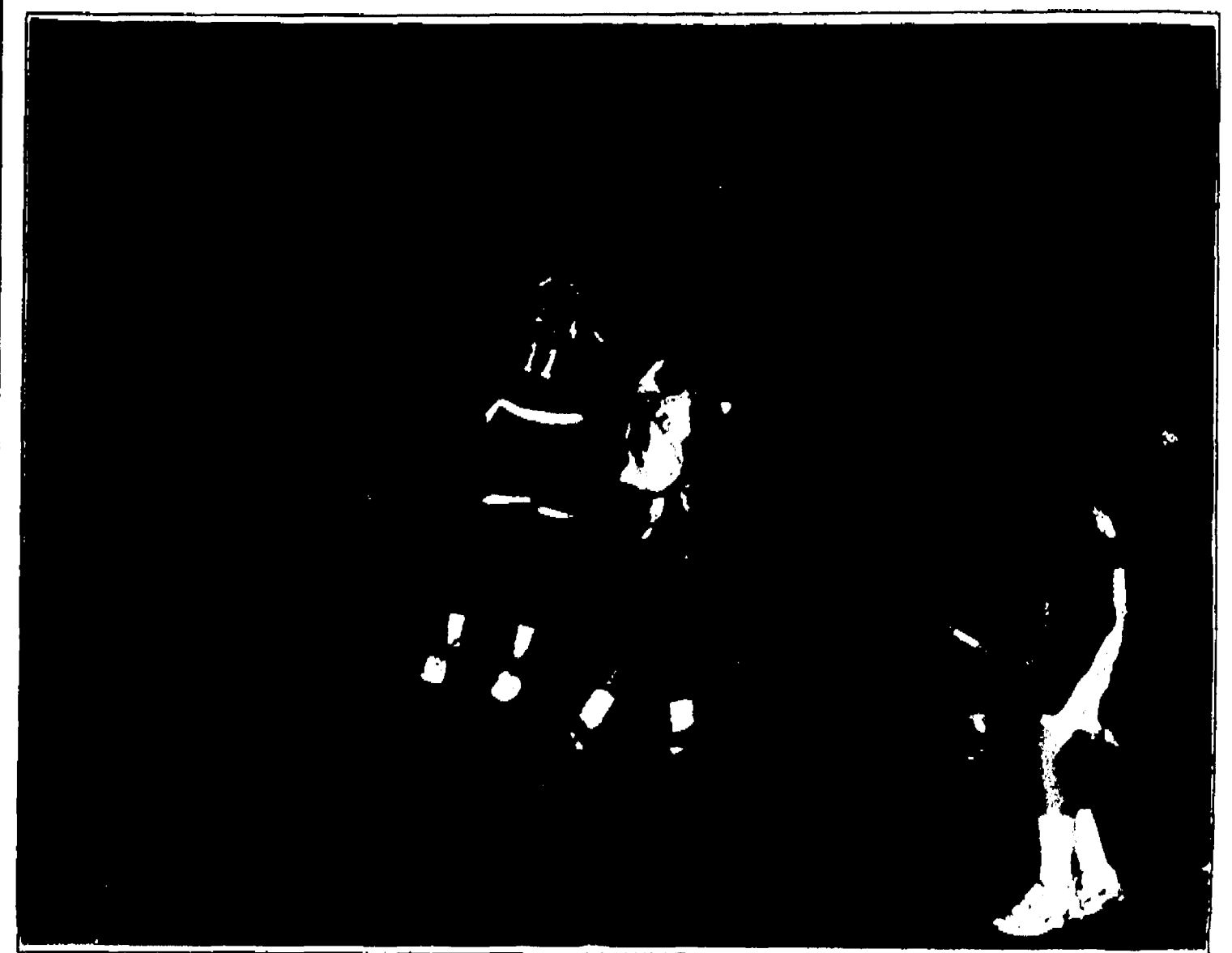
The Vikings and Elk Rapids came out with strong defensive efforts and some poor shooting from both teams gave the first quarter a very low score.

lead, because they did a great job of offensive rebounding. With the score 40-37, Mandy Trudgeon missed two free throws with 2:07 left, but an offensive rebound by Erin Mills kept the ball on the Vikings side of the floor.

Mary Dobry missed a shot, but once again the Vikings got an offensive rebound from Jessica St. Germain. She gave the ball to Erin Mills who scored what would be the last basket for the Vikings.

The Viking defense held up and they were able to move the ball on offense to keep Elk Rapids from fouling them.

"We won the game, but still



**UP FOR A SHOT --** Mary Dobry (11) goes up for a shot against Elk Rapids. The Vikings defeated the Elks Thursday, Nov. 14.  
Photo by Craig Hofman

Mills.

Mills was also disappointed in his team's free-throw shooting. The Vikings were only three-for-10 from the charity stripe.

The Vikings rebounded well against a good Gaylord team, but could not convert off of these rebounds.

The second half of the game did not help the Viking cause. They still struggled shooting the ball, and again missed 10 more layups.

"When you get down early and no matter what you do, it does not seem to work, it is very hard for your team to come back because your confidence is low and that is what happened," said Mills.

Elk Rapids led 7-6.

The second quarter continued to show strong defense from both squads. The scoring picked up however, and some good rebounding from Nicole Cragie and Erin Mills gave the Vikings three chances on the offensive boards.

Nicole Cragie hit two free throws with 11 seconds left in the second quarter, to tie the game, 19-19, but Elk Rapids was able to push the ball down the floor and hit a shot to take a 21-19 lead.

The Vikings came out in the second half and dominated the boards on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. The rebounding helped the Vikings pull into the lead, 24-21.

The Vikings had several chances to extend the lead, but some missed layups and open shots allowed Elk Rapids to stay close and the Vikings had a 27-24 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw the lead go back and forth when the Vikings were able to sustain the lead for the last three minutes of the game.

The Vikings were able to keep the

struggled," Mills said.

The Vikings shot 15-for-29 from the free-throw line and struggled from the field as well.

Erin Mills was the leading scorer with 10 points, and also added eight rebounds.

Jessica St. Germain had seven points and eight rebounds. Jamie McGuire had seven points and "played well coming off of the bench," said Mills.

Mary Dobry had seven points and Mandy Trudgeon had seven assists.

"The girls play hard and that is one reason why I enjoy coaching this team," said Mills.

The girls played Gaylord on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the first round of district play.

"We need to play hard and correct the mistakes we made in the last game. A team that plays this hard usually has good things happen, and hopefully it will have happened on Wednesday," said Mills.

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# CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

## Grayling gridders receive honors

By Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity football team was honored at their end-of-the-year banquet on Monday, Nov. 11.

The varsity football team ended their season with a record of 2-7. "The record does not indicate the effort, hard work and ability of this team," said head varsity coach Rodney Patterson.

Patterson called up the players by their year in school and each player received some very positive comments and a packet with pictures and statistics. Each player who played the entire season received an Iron Man T-shirt.

"These kids played iron man football. We did not have enough players to field a team this year without bringing up some sophomores and several players played both offense and defense and special teams. They all worked extremely hard and gave their best effort every day," said Patterson.

After honoring the team and introducing each player, Patterson and assistant coaches Chuck Spencer and Fred Wolcott went on to give out some individual awards. Throughout the ceremony Patterson continued to talk about how it is teamwork that allowed these players to gain these awards.

The Michael Goodrich Memorial Award for outstanding line play went to Ben Haskel for his hard work.

The Most Improved Players were Jeremy Colby and Joe Colin for their improved play this year.

The Captains' Awards went to this year's team captains Jason Hall, Ben Haskel and David Sabin.

The Outstanding Defensive Player of the year award, which was started back in 1976, went to Jason Hall for his intensity and hard work during games and practices.

The Viking quarterback this year was Nathan Beckwith, who was voted the class B player of the week by the Bay City Times for the Kalkaska game and was given a golden helmet. Beckwith also passed for over 1,000 yards and his name will be put on a plaque for the 1,000 yard club.

The 110 percent award for enthusiasm and prepared to work hard all of the time was given to two players: Jesse Hannum and Travis Parkinson.

The Vikings get to elect two All Conference Award winners and two Honorable Mention. There was a tie between four candidates for all four spots. The decision will be made by the players pulling out a piece of paper from a hat. If they get the all conference then they will be all conference and if they pull out honorable mention then they are the honorable-mention candidate.

"I felt that I should not make this decision. No matter what, all four are all conference players to us," said coach Patterson.

The players are David Sabin, Jason Hall, Ben Haskel and Nathan Beckwith.



**HONORING THE PLAYERS** -- Members of the Grayling High School varsity football team were honored by head coach Rodney Patterson on Monday, Nov. 11. Photo by Craig Hoffman

The Most Valuable Player award was voted on by the coaches and players and it went to David Sabin.

Ron Hall, the leader of the Viking Club, passed out wooden sticks with the name, date and player's name for those who were given the Big Stick of the Week award for the best hit.

Patterson thanked the seniors for their effort and work and said, "It will be hard to replace these seniors."

The Vikings had a total of five sophomores on the varsity team. Four of those started and those four will have a great influence on next year's team as juniors: Quarterback Nathan Beckwith, wide receiver Matt LaForest, tight end and defensive end Brad Ritter, and Travis Pearl, left tackle. Having more varsity experience will help lead the Vikings into their new conference next season.

Offensive statistics for the 1996 season were:

Quarterback Nathan Beckwith had 177 attempts and completed 75 passes for a 42 percent average. Beckwith threw for 1,008 yards, six touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Receiving was led by Matt LaForest with 27 catches for 418 yards and two touchdowns. LaForest averaged 15.4 yards per catch.

David Sabin had ten catches for 94 yards and one touchdown. Brad Ritter added 306 yards with 18 catches and two touchdowns. Ritter averaged 17 yards per catch. Jesse Hannum had six catches for 65 yards and one touchdown.

Rushing for the Vikings was Nathan Beckwith who had 88 carries for 277 yards and five touchdowns.

Jesse Hannum had 49 carries for 192 yards, but due to an injury to his collar bone only played half a season.

Joe Woldan had 38 carries for 192 yards for a 5.1 average per carry and scored two touchdowns.

Shane Colby had 24 carries for 107

yards, a 4.6 average.

The Vikings were led in rushing by senior David Sabin who carried the ball 87 times for 447 yards and five touchdowns. Sabin averaged 5.1 yards per carry.

Nathan Beckwith and David Sabin both scored 38 points for the season. Beckwith had five touchdowns and Sabin had six touchdowns. Conversion attempts add the extra points needed to add up.

Defensive statistics for the 1996 season were:

The Vikings were led in tackles by Jason Hall who had 68 tackles and 32 assists. Hall had one fumble recovery and one interception.

## JV girls end season with a bright future

By Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity basketball team traveled to Gaylord on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The Vikings had a rough go of it and lost, 49-41.

"There press hurt us a little and allowed them to build up a 17-point lead. We started to come back in the first half, but still struggled and could not get back into the game," said head junior varsity coach Chris Dunkley.

The Vikings hosted Elk Rapids on Thursday, Nov. 14 and continued to struggle through the week with a 53-36 loss.

The Vikings struggled throughout the first half in two areas. The Vikings turned the ball over due to the Elk Rapids pressure and then they were experiencing a poor shooting night.

At the end of the first half the Vikings trailed 23-13.

The second half did not help the Vikings out. They continued to

struggle with turnovers and shooting the ball.

Elk Rapids took advantage of the Viking turnovers and extended their lead.

The Vikings were forced to press, but it was not successful and the Vikings could not mount a come back.

"We had even scoring from our players, but we could not quite come back and get over the hump. We played two sophomore-oriented teams with experience and that helped them," said Dunkley.

The Vikings ended their season 8-12 overall and 6-2 in their conference.

"We have a young team, but now we are a young team with lots of experience. I am very pleased with their effort and work. We were hoping to end the season with a 500 mark, but we struggled at the end. I feel that we have a great future for girls basketball and we will be competitive in our new conference," said Dunkley.

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## Junior varsity football statistics posted for season

by Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity football team was honored for its hard work and effort during the fall 1996 season on Monday, Nov. 11.

The junior varsity team finished with a 4-5 record and showed great improvement throughout the year.

"The players played hard and learned to play their positions and, due to some injuries and players moving to the varsity, some players learned to play several positions," said head junior varsity coach Doug Pummell.

"I am proud of them for their effort. For the sophomores moving up to the varsity level, I wish them luck and hope they succeed," said Pummell.

The junior varsity statistics for the season were:

Eli Tobin had 589 total yards passing. He completed 34 of 78 passes. Tobin threw for eight touchdowns and only threw five interceptions. Tobin

ran the ball 49 times for 43 yards and one touchdown.

The leading rusher for the Vikings was Jeremy Jones who carried the ball 82 times for 510 yards for an average of 6.2 yards per carry. Jones scored three touchdowns.

Shane Colby carried the ball 66 times for 341 yards for an average of 5.2 yards per carry. Colby scored four touchdowns.

Chad Ellis had 55 carries for 156 yards and one touchdown. Pete Mead carried the ball 17 times for 78 yards for an average of 4.6.

The Vikings had a total of 286 running plays for 1,169 total yards.

Defensively, the Vikings were led by Travis Beckett who had 98 tackles, caused two fumbles and blocked two kicks.

Jeremy Jones had 49 tackles, three sacks, one caused fumble, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick.

Eli Tobin had 47 tackles and three

interceptions. Shane Colby had 42 tackles, one sack, caused three fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

Chad Ellis finished the season with 41 tackles and two fumble recoveries. Nate Hinkle had 37 tackles and Pete Mead had 33 tackles.

The Vikings had a young, inexperienced team, but throughout the year their experiences—successes and failures—will help them succeed in the future.

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High Game: K. Moshier, 206; J. Hinds, 192; J. Yoder, 191.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 505; K. Morrill, 490; J. Hinds, 488.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
Moshier Auto Repair	30.5-13.5
AJD Forest Products	28-16
Tees-N-Sock	22.5-21.5
A Bulldog Towing	21.5-22.5
Advance Collision	20-24
No Fear	19-25
Cedar Motel	17.5-26.5
Helsel Bros. Logging	17-27
Men's High Game: M. Sumner, 184; R. Baskin, 178; R. Schriber, 176.	
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, L. Helsel, 500; B. Byon, 491; R. Baskin, 471.	
Women's High Game: Y. Schriber, 218; J. Hinds, 211; K. Moshier, 171.	
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 530; Y. Schriber, 506; K. Moshier, 480.	
Recreation League	
North Country R.V.	28-16
Mark 8	26-18
Mickory Perez CPA	24.5-19.5
Peterson Saw Service	21-23
Glen's Market	20-24
Cornell's	20-24
Scheer Motors	19-25
Fun-N-Sun Rental	17.5-26.5
High Game: S. Noeske, 212; S. Morse, 193; S. Grant, S. Morse, 191.	
High Series: S. Morse, 532; S. Grant, 514; S. Noeske, 504.	
Triangle League	
3=De	10-6
Moshier Auto	10-6
Blankmen	10-6
Grayling Ford	9-7
Airway Auto	9-7
Jackson Trio	6-10
JT's Motor Mall	5-11
Barber Construction	5-11
High Game: M. Campbell, 214; D. Hanning, 199; R. Baskin, 197.	
High Series: M. Campbell, 538; T. Devins, 526; J. Campbell, 513.	



**AWARD WINNERS** -- For the second year in a row the Paddlers Tribute Committee has won the Harry Curley Award. Accepting the award is committee member Bill Harwood (middle) and sponsors John Payne (left) of Fick and Sons and Barry McClanahan of Bears Country Inn. The award from the Michigan Canoe Racing Association is given in memory of Harry Curley who dedicated his life to promoting professional canoe racing. The committee members are Bill Harwood, Moe Harwood, Paula Harwood, Joe and Sue Siefert and Hank Feldhauser.

Photo by Lisa Hofman

## Locals receive annual canoe racing awards

The Michigan Canoe Racing Association Annual Award winners included residents of Grayling.

The Bank Runner Award - given to persons who assist the canoe racers above the normal help - was awarded to the Swander family.

The Swander family was given the award for their hospitality to the out-of-state racers.

The Harry Curley Award is a sponsors trophy. Harry Curley was a promoter of the AuSable Marathon. This years recipient for the award was the Tribute Race committee.

The Bow Award was given to Butch Stockton for the unending hours he spent repairing canoes and assisting paddlers throughout the season.

The Stern Award was given to Dale Newton who had four canoes "injured" while traveling on the top of his truck.

Other award recipients were Martin and Mark Gamsey (Amateur Rookie of the Year), Colin Hunter (Amateur Most Improved), Joe Pollock (Expert Rookie of the Year), Andy Tricbold (Expert Most Improved) and Frank and

Linda Taber (President's Award).

The leaders in the point standings were Ken Kolonich (Expert), Terry Curley and Mark Hume (Amateur), Bruce Barton (C-1), Erich Podjaski (Junior) and Christopher Dubois (Fledgling).

The state champions were Jim and Steve Corlew (Amateur), Colin Hunter and Erik Thompson (Junior) Christo-

pher Dubois and Matthew Rimer (Fledgling), Bruce Barton (C-1) and Erich Podjaski (Junior C-1).

## POOL LEAGUE

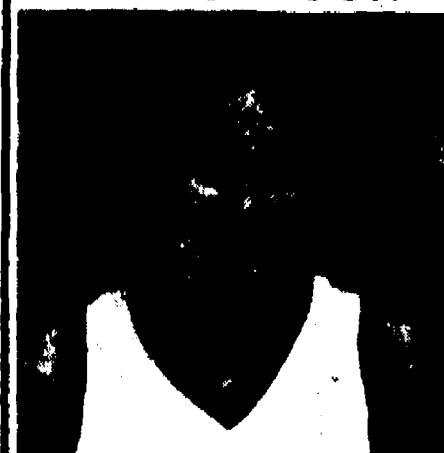
### Women's Pool League

Legion	44
Swamp II	39
Red Barn	35
Spikes	32
Breakers	30
Plaza	24

### Men's Pool League

Red Barn II	43-29
Plaza	30-24
Red Barn I	29-25
Frogies	38-34
Weyerhaeuser	36-36
Frederic Inn I	34-38
Frederic Inn II	24-30
Holiday Inn	25-29
Breakers	11-25
8 BALL RUN: Phil of Red Bar I (twice).	
7 BALL RUN: Bob of Red Barn II.	
6 BALL RUN: Karl and Tom of Frederic Inn II.	
5 BALL RUN: Scott and Ron W. of Frogies.	

## Holiday Inn Viking of the week



## Basketball Erin Mills

Viking junior Erin Mills was chosen Viking of the Week for her effort and work against Gaylord and Elk Rapids.

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# Football Contest

John Cottenham was the winner in week #12 of the football contest, with 21 out of a possible 24 points. He tied with Teresa Bonamie, Fred Krolkowski, Roy McIntosh, Jack Sietloff and Duane Wales, but Cottenham's tiebreaker guess of 37, was closer the actual score of 33, than any of the others. Six others followed with 20 points. There was a total of 185 entries in this week's contest.

## Last Week's Winners:

- |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Detroit (worth 5 points) | 10. San Francisco             |
| 2. Carolina                 | 11. Miami                     |
| 3. Kansas City              | 12. Arizona                   |
| 4. Buffalo                  | 13. Tampa Bay                 |
| 5. Denver                   | 14. Minnesota                 |
| 6. Pittsburgh               | 15. Colorado                  |
| 7. Atlanta                  | 16. Syracuse                  |
| 8. Indianapolis             | 17. Virginia Tech             |
| 9. Washington               | 18. Penn St. (worth 3 points) |

## OVERALL LEADERS

Ted Rondeau, 165  
John Cottenham, 164  
Carol LaMotte, 161  
Eric Thompson, 161  
Carol Conklin, 160  
Tom Weaver, 160

(print)

NAME

PHONE

ADDRESS

Signature

Week #13 for games played Nov. 23 & 24

## WINNER

## ADVERTISER

Game 1	
Game 2	
Game 3	
Game 4	
Game 5	
Game 6	
Game 7	
Game 8	
Game 9	
Game 10	
Game 11	
Game 12	
Game 13	
Game 14	
Game 15	
Game 16	
Game 17	
Game 18	

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1)

Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18)

Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9)

## Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 480, Grayling, MI, 49738.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
- Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

## Weekly Prizes

- \*Sports cap--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*Two Super Gulps & two large nachos--7-Eleven
- \*Fire extinguisher--Jansen Insurance Agency
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Abel Auto Parts
- \*Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
- \*One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \*\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

## Overall Prizes

- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Mac's Drugs
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
- \*\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Grayling Red Barn
- \*\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
- \*Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free car wash & dry--Diane's Car Wash
- \*Black & Decker hand-held vac--DuBois Lumber
- \*\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

## To be a weekly winner:

- Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
- Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
- Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
- Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
- The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

## To win the overall prizes:

- Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
- You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
- The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

9. San Diego vs. Kansas City

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10. San Francisco vs. Washington

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18. U of M vs. Ohio St. (Bonus game worth 3 points)

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17. West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech



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14. Green Bay vs. St. Louis

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12. Oakland vs. Seattle

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11. Dallas vs. N.Y. Giants

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## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 96-005629-1E  
Estate of WILLIAM F. ANDERS, DECEASED 382-09-9616.

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 2535 E. Pioneer Road, Roscommon, MI 48653, died 12/31/95.

An instrument dated 5/24/95 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Christine M. Anders, c/o David R. Sabin, 115 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

David R. Sabin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5588

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on October 28, 1996

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Gohnick at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Gohnick, Moshier, Akers, Ruddy.  
Members Absent: None.

Also In Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Four Students, Eric Gaerner from the Avalanche.

III. 96-104

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin. Council directed the City Manager to send another letter regarding residency decision and to again point out that this is a local issue and the state should not be usurping Home Rule when there is no legitimate statewide interest in the issue.

b. Emergency Services Council Minutes of 10-16-96.

c. Crawford County Historical Museum Newsletter.

d. Housing Commission Minutes of 9-12-96.

e. Letter from Navy to Mayor regarding submarine Grayling and the de-commissioning of same.

VI. Old Business.

a. Discussion of Revoking the Georgia Pacific Act 198 Certificate due to recent vacating of warehouse in Industrial Park with no notice to or discussion with the City.

96-105

The following Resolution was offered by Gohnick, supported by Stevens.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On November 30, 1987 the Grayling City Council, after due Public Hearing passed a Resolution pursuant to Act 198 of Public Acts of 1974 creating Industrial District #4 at the request of Georgia Pacific Corporation, and

WHEREAS, On February 8, 1988 after Public Hearing, appropriate Public Notice and due consideration, the City Council adopted a Resolution granting Georgia Pacific Corporation an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for a period of 12 years, and

WHEREAS, Based on the above, the Michigan State Tax Commission did issue to said Georgia Pacific an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate #88-054 beginning on December 30, 1988 and ending December 30, 2001, and

WHEREAS, On Friday, October 11, 1996 Georgia Pacific did vacate their facility covered by said certificate and did cease all employment located at said site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grayling City Council hereby petitions the State Tax Commission of the State of Michigan to revoke Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate #88-054 and return all buildings, property and equipment now belonging to Georgia Pacific Corporation and located in Industrial District #4 in the City of Grayling to the ad valorem tax roll.

Ayes: Stevens, Moshier, Gohnick, Akers, Ruddy.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business.

a. Appointment to City Boards & Commissions.

96-106

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to re-appoint Keith Kenney to a 5 year term on the Compensation Commission board, term expiring 01-01-2002. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

96-107

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to re-appoint Tyke Gohnick to a 5 year term on the Housing Commission Board, term expiring

01-01-2002. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Employee & Volunteer Christmas Recognition 96-108

Moved by Gohnick, supported by Ruddy to give gift certificates for groceries for Christmas in the amount of \$15.00. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Thank you from the Horace Failing family.

b. Thank you from the George Doby family.

c. County Board Meeting on 10-29-96.

d. Ad for sale of car.

e. Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 31, 1996.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Ruddy asked about another leaf pick-up. Will have one on Saturday, November 9th.

X. Adjournment.

96-109

Moved by Gohnick, supported by Akers that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford  
City Manager & City Clerk.

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by THOUSAND ADVENTURERS OF MICHIGAN, INC., a Michigan corporation whose address is CT Corporation Systems, c/o The Corporation Company, 30600 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025, to EAGLE CREST RECREATION PHASE I, INC., a Michigan Corporation whose address is 8461 Woodland Shores Drive, Brighton, Michigan, dated November 1, 1993, recorded in the Register of Deeds August 31, 1995, Liber 399, Page 161-163, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of THIRTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND 13/100 (\$39,718.13) DOLLARS as of September 30, 1996 with a per diem rate thereafter of ELEVEN AND 3/100 (\$11.03) DOLLARS, with interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof;

That further said mortgage was assigned to Eagle Crest L.L.C., a Michigan Limited Liability Company, whose address is 8167 Sawgrass Trail, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 on August 31, 1995 which assignment was recorded on January 24, 1996 at Liber 406, Page 280-281;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided; on the 22nd day of November, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, the undersigned will, on the front steps of Crawford County Court house in the City of Grayling, Michigan that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said Mortgage with the interest thereon at a fixed rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, together with all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fees allowed by law and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises which premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, County of Crawford, Michigan described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL "T"

Part of the Northwest 1/4 and of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 6; thence South 86°11'37" East along the North line of said Section 6, 519.86 feet; thence South 36°10'44" East, 643.46 feet; thence South 47°26'45" East, 560.82 feet; thence South 86°11'36" East, 975.10 feet to the centerline of the private road "Brunn Trail"; thence South 04°13'50" East along the center of said "Brunn Trail", 262.29 feet; thence continuing along centerline of said "Brunn Trail", South 61°44'24" East, 307.39 feet to a point, henceforth referred to as "Reference Point A"; said "Reference Point A" being on the Southwesterly boundary of a parcel of land owned by the Osage County Drain Commission and described in Liber 211, Pages 357-358, Osage Records; thence South 42°28'30" East, (recorded as South 42°25'22" West) along said Southwesterly boundary, 22 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Bradford Creek; thence Southwesterly along the said centerline of Bradford Creek, 1132 feet, more or less, to a point that is South 31°14'03" East, 183 feet, more or less, from a point, henceforth referred to as "Reference Point B"; on the Northwesterly side of Bradford Creek; thence North 31°14'03" West 183 feet, more or less, to said "Reference Point B"; said "Reference Point B", being the following 6 courses from said "Reference Point A";

1. S 47°47'44" W 82.00'

2. S 28°19'42" W 110.55'

3. S 11°50'14" W 81.59'

4. S 70°37'40" W 364.52'

5. S 31°40'12" W 200.66'

6. S 61°42'07" W 125.68'

thence continuing North 31°14'03" West, 776.10 feet; thence North 70°11'53" West, 1209.36 feet; thence North 70°09'15" West, 323.71 feet; thence North 31°13'09" West, 44.54 feet to the West line of said Section 6; thence North 01°16'23" West along said West Section line, 767.49 feet, to the Point of Beginning, containing 40.52 acres, more or less. Subject to and together with a private road easements described below as "Brunn Trail - South" and a "Brunn Trail - North".

SUBJECT TO all agreements, covenants, easements, and restrictions of record, if any. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated at Brighton, Michigan, October 14, 1996.

ALAN J. CZEKAJ  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
7994 West Grand River Avenue  
Brighton, Michigan 48116

-24-31-7-14-21

## Internet explained at club meeting

The Internet forum at the last meeting of the Grayling Regional Computer Club was a huge success.

Bob Mammel of EPCS, the agent for Freeway, Inc., Grayling's local Internet provider, gave a class on how the Internet works, and what is needed to get started.

At the meeting, the group was able to get onto the Internet and see some of the features. The meeting was informal and the floor was open to questions from the participants.

The club enjoyed the largest attendance of members and guests that it has had this year. The club is planning to have a day where anyone can bring their computer and have the Internet

software installed. Interested persons will also be able to sign up to access the Internet. This will be announced at a later date.

The Grayling Regional Computer Club is working on having its own web site on the Internet. Jay Duke, a club member, is designing the page and Freeway, Inc. is giving the club

the space. With the club site, a person will be able to log on and get club information.

Persons interested in club information can call Bud Morgan at 348-2548, Kenny Jones at 348-2236, or Bill Harris at 348-6299. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Senior Center on Lawndale Street.

## Physician joins NMHS staff

Northern Michigan Health Services (NMHS) has announced Khaja J. Ahmed, M.D. will open a medical practice for General Family Medicine and Obstetrics at the Grayling Primary

Health Care office at 308 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Dr. Ahmed joins Denis Gennette, P.A.-C, at this location.

Dr. Ahmed attended the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College of the University of Chittagong in Bangladesh from 1981 to 1987. Graduating first in his class of 165 students and receiving special honors in pathology and microbiology, he then completed an internship there in 1988. Dr. Ahmed was in private practice in Bangladesh from 1988 to 1989.

Subsequently, Dr. Ahmed was employed by the St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada and became a clinical instructor at Spartan University School of Medicine in Beaufort, St. Lucia.

He then came to the United States for additional medical training where he completed one year of internal medicine residency at the New York Hospital of Queens, later transferring to a family medicine program at South Nassau Community Hospital in New York City. Dr. Ahmed completed his family medicine residency in July of this year.

Dr. Ahmed and his wife, Saima, now reside in Grayling. Individuals interested in making an appointment with Dr. Ahmed may do so by calling (517) 348-4110.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY PROBATE COURT PUBLICATION NOTICE

Case 96-000006-CZ

200 W. Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
517/348-2841, ext. 236

Plaintiff

CAROLEMETISH, Conservator for the minor child, NICOLEHATTIE MARIE HAWLEY 39949 Aynesley  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

v.

Defendant

MICHAEL BECK

304 Spruce St.

Grayling, MI 49738

Plaintiff's Attorney

JOHN B. HUSS P15297

P.O. Box 948

Grayling, MI 49738 517/348-5431

TO: MICHAEL BECK

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title as to real estate. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before January 3, 1997. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated 11/19/96

Judge Honorable

FRANCIS L. WALSH P21943

-21-28-5

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### BID REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Crawford County Commission on Aging invites proposals from qualified firms to bid on performing accounting services; general ledger; monthly financial statements and various reports.

Bids must be received by Dec. 15, 1996.

Send Bids to: Commission on Aging  
308 Lawndale  
Grayling, MI 49738

-14-21

### PULMONARY ASBESTOS TESTING NOTICE

Pulmonary function testing will be held Monday, November 25, 1996 at the Crawford County Courthouse from 11 am to 5 pm by Dr. William McNamara, M.D., the county physician. This testing will be available for all county employees and any other individuals present within the Crawford County courthouse from July 18-23, 1996.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk-Register of Deeds  
11-18-96

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### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the road commission. Applicants must be qualified and registered electors of the county. Applications are available upon request to be completed and submitted to the county clerk's office, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, by Dec. 2, 1996.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Registrar of Deeds  
Dated: Nov. 15, 1996

-21-28

## Senate not considering special ed bill

State Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City) said Nov. 14 that the state is not about to eliminate the requirement that school districts provide special education services to students, contrary to recent reports by the media.

"Contrary to news reports, we are not getting ready to abolish the special education requirement in public schools," McManus said. "We are naturally interested in the outcome of the 'Durant' case before the Michigan Supreme Court. Only upon the resolution of this case can we begin to take a closer look at how the legislature should address the issues of state-mandated education requirements and funding."

"To suggest that the Senate has legislation ready to abolish the special education provision in our public schools is irresponsible, totally untrue, and sounds a false and inflammatory alarm."

"This is a complex, emotional and vitally important issue. Full discussion and open hearings will take place before the senate takes any action," McManus said.

No legislation has been introduced which would eliminate the special education requirement.

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7994 West Grand River Avenue  
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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: Nov. 24 - 30, 1996

- ARIES**  
March 21-April 19 Conclude unfinished business before the holidays begin. Write checks, pay bills and balance checkbook.
- TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20 Wait until next week to socialize. For now, concentrate on business and tying up loose ends.
- GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 20 Look for ways to help others; offer a meal to one who has no family or friends. Give of yourself.
- CANCER**  
June 21 - July 22 Attention is the name of the game. Don't be embarrassed by the overt concern of others. Sit back and enjoy it.
- LEO**  
July 23 - Aug 22 You are apt to find happiness where you least expect it. Wallow in self-gratification, while you can.
- VIRGO**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22 Recent investment comes through just in time for Christmas. Don't blow it all in one place!
- LIBRA**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22 Working late into the night will help you get where you want to be. Travel plans may have to be altered.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct 23 - Nov 21 A hidden agenda will be revealed. Don't be misled by outside parties. Look before you leap.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21 An impressive display of fortitude will establish your credibility as well as your strength. Play it for what it is worth.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19 Free tickets are offered; accept and invite someone you haven't seen in aeons. Have a good time.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18 Don't accept criticism from third parties. Hand them the tools if they can do it better.
- PISCES**  
Feb 19 - March 20 Go out of your way to be nice to a co-worker. Your generosity will be rewarded.

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago Nov. 22, 1973

As taken from "Jack Pine's Stump": Thanksgiving is upon us. I have always found this to be an especially important time of the year. We go on month after month in this country getting frustrated and irritated at the events in our personal, national and international lives. We read the paper or watch the TV news and wonder if there is no end to revelations of wrong-doing, war or shortages. And yet, in spite of all that, we really do have a great deal to be thankful for. Most of us have jobs and thus will be able to afford a feast of some sort on Thanksgiving. And those who live alone or are not employed always manage to have a friendly, generous neighbor or associate.

Up here in Crawford County, a relative boom goes on. Sales tax receipts continue high, and there is even the possibility that the "Swamp Tax" paid by the state to local governments may be raised. Our schools are progressive and well-staffed. Bear Archery, a mainstay of the economy, is employing as many people now as it ever did. We have good, conscientious people in local government who appear to be doing what they were elected to do. We have an active Booster Club, whose labors have resulted in massive benefits to all kids in the area. We have a volunteer fire department which is second to none.

In the woods there are more deer and partridge than there have been in quite a few years.

There is an excellent hospital, staffed with extremely capable doctors, nurses, technicians and help—and an extended care facility. Lora Gould out at AuSagra Acres has done wonders with senior citizens, and even nickle-and-dimed an eleven thousand dollar bus into existence.

So, come Thursday, when we sit down to the annual Thanksgiving dinner, I rather hope that we do so with a spirit of true thanks, not grumbling and complaining about "things".

But there is one person who, as she crawls in bed Thursday night, might wonder what she has to be thankful for. The average woman around the house takes care of the meal preparations, while the average man plays with the kids or sits and watches football until his eyes turn rectangular, to make it worse, she wants to serve a hot meal, and he wants to watch a hot fourth quarter. And, sadly, as soon as he finishes back to the TV he goes, while she washes dishes. Just once, fellows, give her a hand. Even a wife deserves a Happy Thanksgiving.

Jack Pine

### 46 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1950

Martha Stillwagon enjoyed the weekend with her grandparents in Lovells.

Mrs. Carl Leslie was very pleased to bag a six point buck opening day.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig were hosts at a dinner party at Jerrie's Ranch Friday evening in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Billy Joseph was four years old on Thursday, Nov. 16, and his mother invited in 19 of his little friends to help celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jensen of Jackson left Monday after spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen. Frank bagged an eight point buck while here.

Arlaie Wilson spent several days in Alpena last week.

Mrs. Robert Sorenson and children, Nancy, Judy and Norman and Phyllis Randolph, Holly Piper, and Sandy Strong attended the Roy Rogers Show in Saginaw Sunday.

Corky Peterson was home from M.S.C. and spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Peterson.

Carl Leslie bagged a three point buck Sunday in the very same spot that his wife got hers on opening day. Their bullets ended up in the same log one foot apart.

Among the local hunters who got their deer are Floyd Davis, Ed Smith, Les Goss, Charles Holcamp, George McEvers and Frank Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin and daughter, Kathleen Mary, spent the weekend visiting the T. P. Petersons and J. L. Martins. Mrs. Martin and Kathleen remained to spend the week and Mr. Martin will be back to spend the weekend.

The Frederic and Maple Forest Sportsman's Club put their project over with big success. Several happy folks left carrying their Thanksgiving turkey or chickens. The gun was won by Mr. Merchant of Alanson, Mich.

### 69 Years Ago Nov. 24, 1927

Miss Mary Bender and Miss Doris Corsaul are co-editors of the Frederic School Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker of Lansing were weekend guests at the Herbert E. Parker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnee are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine pound daughter, born Friday night.



**HOMENEEDED**—"Satch" is a five-year-old housebroken cocker spaniel. He is available for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Stop by or give them a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

How much does it cost to own a pet? The latest figures on the cost of bird ownership, from the Pet Food Institute and the Humane Society of the United States, are \$693 for an average eight-year life span; purchase price (parakeet), \$13; annual veterinary care, \$35; and food and supplements, \$50 a year.

### Velma Barger and Hurl Deckrow of Flint were guests of relatives and friends over the weekend.

Walter Hemmingson of Detroit is spending the season here hunting and visiting his father, Chris Hemmingson and family.

Ernest Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson, accidentally shot off one of the toes of his right foot while getting ready to go hunting Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith and daughter of Holland are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jappe Smith and family.

Waldman Olson is on the road with the Dempsey and Tunney fight pictures.

Misses Grace Hood and Louise Clark are leaving today for their home in Gladstone, where they will visit with their parents over the holidays. Mrs. W. H. Hill returned to her home in Ann Arbor, Friday night, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Edward Houghton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ireland returned last Wednesday to their home in Indiana, after spending the summer at their cottage on Shoepack Lake near Lovells.

Miss Theresa Linstrom is spending the holiday with her parents at the Soo and has as her guest Miss Thana Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith, Larry Stampfly, C. Smith and son Carl, of Lansing, visited at the James McNeven home a few days last week.

Wm. Hathaway of Lansing, a landscape gardener, was here last week and set out a quantity of shrubbery at the M. A. Bates home.

Among those attending the Michigan-Minnesota football game Saturday were Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Supt. and Mrs. B. E. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

### 94 Years Ago Nov. 20, 1902

According to reports to the Detroit "Tribune", C. R. Mickelson has bought the lumber business of Hartwick and Mickelson at Mason and E. E.

Hartwick has bought the business of the Jackson Coal and Lumber Co.

Dr. James A. Leighton is moving to Kalkaska, where he will open a store in connection with his professional work.

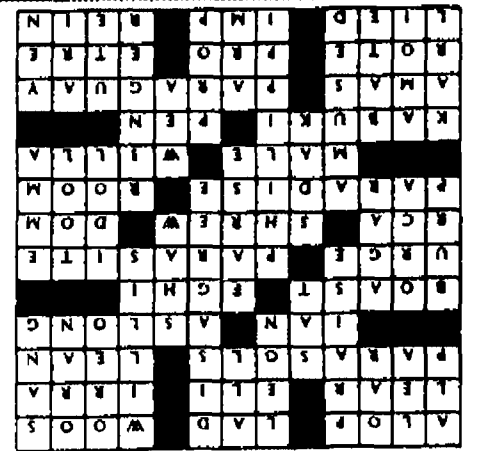
Woodsmen in swampy countries drink the sap flowing from a broken grapevine instead of water.

The first sailing club was established in 1720 in Ireland.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

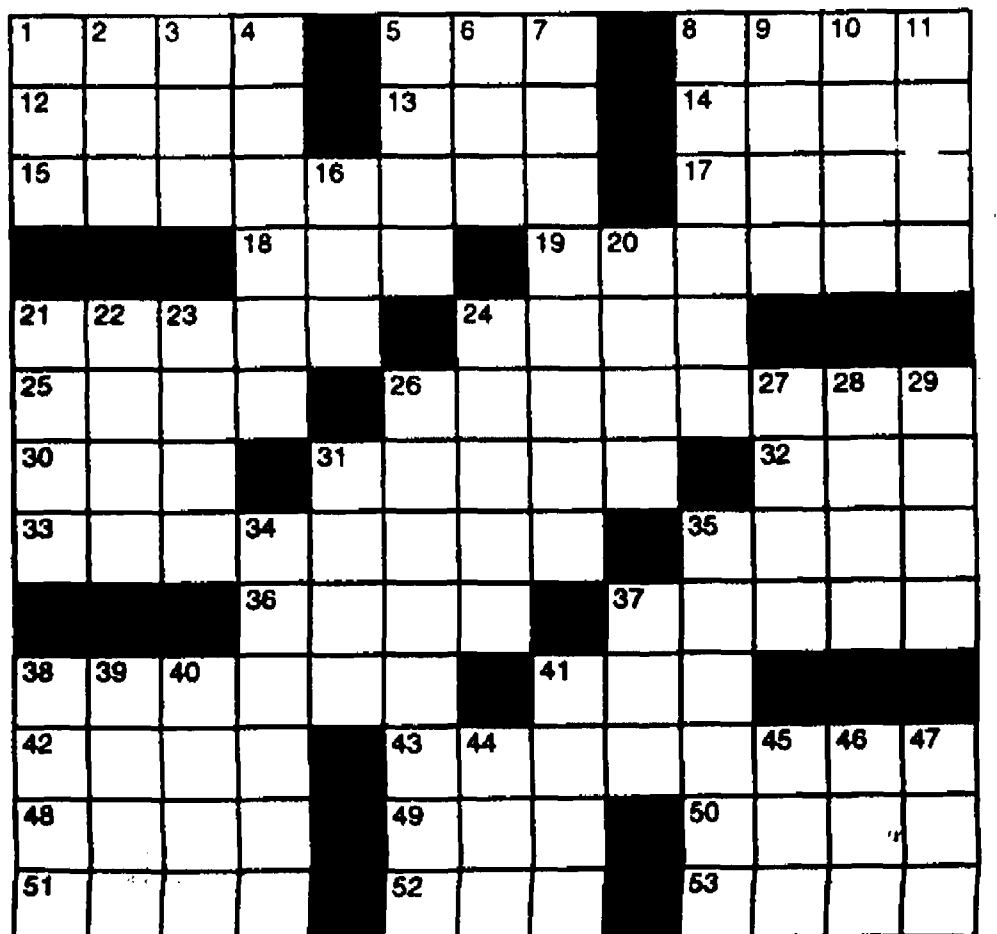
### ACROSS

1. Askew
5. Stripling
8. Courts
12. Shakespearian king
13. Mr. Whitney
14. Babyl. god of war
15. Sunshades
17. Depend
18. Golf pro
19. Woosnam
21. "I'll get by, as I have you"
24. Alphabet run
25. Impel
26. Sycophant
30. TV manufacturer
31. Nocturnal mammal
32. Mr. DeLuise
33. Eden
35. Chamber
36. "I Married a War Bride"
37. Writer Cather
38. Sing and dance
41. Cage
42. Amo, \_\_, Amat
43. So. Am. country
48. Memorize
49. For
50. To be (Fr.)
51. Fibbed
52. Sprite
53. Restrain
10. Algerian city
11. Lilted
16. Posed
20. Artie or Bernard
21. Belch
22. Whale
23. Edible seaweed
24. Mockery
26. Ancient Greek town
27. Image
28. Implement
29. Mine (Fr.)
40. Lessen
41. Brass
44. Fortify
45. SW indian
46. Aristotle for short
47. Pine



### DOWN

1. Jungfrau, e.g.
2. Albert \_\_, Minn.
3. Paddle
4. Extol
5. Mr. Panetta
6. "The American Boy"
7. Differ
8. Moore's hubby
9. Cookie



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Here's a chance for you to help with Thanksgiving dinner! Try this delicious dessert—everyone is sure to gobble it up!

**1/2 cup peanut butter, creamy or chunky**  
**2 (4 oz.) containers of prepared refrigerated vanilla pudding**  
**3 cups nondairy whipped topping**  
**Salted peanuts**

In a medium bowl, combine peanut butter and pudding; mix in whipped topping. Divide evenly into dessert cups and sprinkle with peanuts. Refrigerate until chilled. Makes 6 servings.

## WEATHER

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11/13	25	11	0.07	5.0
11/14	26	7	0.01	5.0
11/15	20	-3		5.0
11/16	33	2		
11/17	51	33		
11/18	48	28		
11/19	32	27		

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday will be cloudy with highs in the mid-30s and lows around 20; Thursday expect rain or snow showers with highs in the mid-30s and lows in the mid- to upper-20s; Friday's high will be in the mid-30s with lows in the upper teens to lower 20s, and scattered snow showers; Saturday's high is expected to be in the upper 20s to lower 30s, with lows in the upper teens to lower 20s, and scattered snow showers.



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**CHARMING THREE BEDROOM RANCH** in desirable East Branch Estates. Spacious wooded lot with blacktop drive, only 1/2 mile from city limits. Includes stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer and dryer. Sliding door wall onto patio. Immediate occupancy. \$58,500. CH-501



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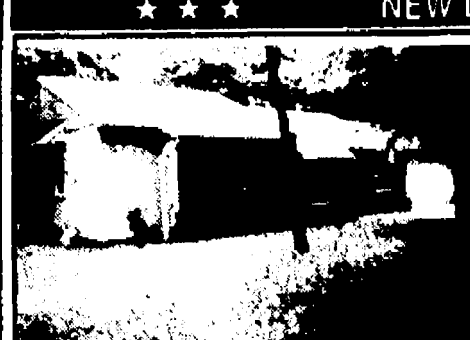
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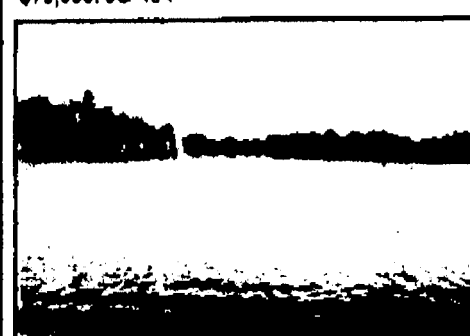
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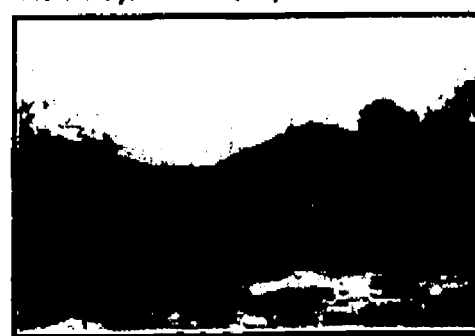
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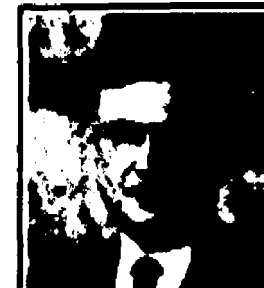
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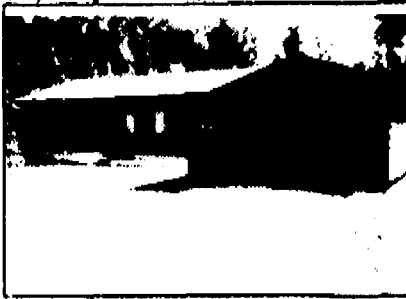
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# HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Kalamazoo, Crawford and Muskegon counties. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Linda DeMarchis, M.A., or Carleen Hubbell, Health Educators, District Health Dept. No. 1, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Question: The men in my family, if followed, may save the life of a family member.

Answer: Each year some Michigan hunters are stricken by heart attacks, strokes or cardiac arrest during deer season. The following tips are suggested by John McPhail of the Michigan Public Health Institute and, if followed, may save the life of a family member.

• Avoid eating a heavy meal high in protein or fat before going into the woods. Instead, select carbohydrates (pancakes, oatmeal and cereal) and fruit. This type of meal is easily digested and more efficiently delivers the energy needed for physical exertion. Heavy meals high in fat and protein can thicken the blood and divert blood flow from the muscles and heart to the digestive organs. This can cause heart symptoms during heavy physical exertion such as hunting.

• Refrain from drinking alcohol during hunting or even excessive drinking the night before.

• Avoid wearing a snowmobile suit

which can cause overheating and raise blood pressure and pulse. Layer clothing instead.

• Be aware that some environmental conditions will place additional stress on the heart such as heavy brush, deep snow or mud and cold wind. Don't hunt in these conditions unless in excellent physical condition.

• Know warning signs of a heart attack which include uncomfortable pressure, burning fullness in the center of the chest which can feel like very bad indigestion, even nausea. The discomfort can radiate to the shoulder, down the arms and even up to the throat or jaw. Shortness of breath may occur or excessive sweating or a cold sweat.

• If you have any of these symptoms that last longer than three minutes, don't try to walk out of the field. Have companions carry you out or bring help to you (exertion can make a heart attack worse).

• Remember that field dressing or dragging a deer out of the woods can cause heart rates to skyrocket, increasing the likelihood of a heart attack. Seek help in these situations and do them at a controlled pace.

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## 9. Personals

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## FEMA, NWS encourage winter preparedness

With the winter weather upon us even before winter officially begins, officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS), part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are encouraging individuals, families, and businesses to be prepared for winter storms, flooding and severe cold.

FEMA Director James Lee Witt emphasized that "preparing in advance and knowing what to do will save many lives, including a great many of

those who die every year in fires caused by improperly-used space heaters, faulty furnaces or the like.

"You should know the winter hazards you face in your region or when you travel, how to avoid or reduce those hazards, and you should take steps now to be prepared," Witt said.

According to Kay Goss, FEMA's executive associate director for Preparedness, Training and Exercises, "many preparedness measures are the same for winter flooding, Nor'easters, ice storms, blizzards and deep freeze."

Goss recommends having provisions to get by without help, and plans to cooperate with neighbors or evacuate if necessary.

In addition, Goss said that keeping home heating oil and vehicle fuel tanks full will help avoid becoming trapped without heat when storms move in swiftly. Winter emergency kits for every car or truck are also potential lifesavers.

Last winter, most of the northern and eastern sections of the United States were blanketed with near-record

snowfalls and extreme low temperatures. Nearly 15 major cities set all-time seasonal snowfall records.

The New England states are expected to be colder than normal this winter. Colder temperatures are also forecast for the Great Lakes, across the High Plains and into eastern Montana. The NWS Climate Prediction Center's (CPC) seasonal outlook for this winter forecasts slightly above normal temperatures across the south and southwest portions of the country. Outlooks for the remainder of the country do not provide enough data to determine temperature variations.

Across much of the Southwest

United States, the CPC is forecasting above normal precipitation amounts in comparison to the 30 year median of precipitation at stations throughout the winter months. Areas throughout the Northwest will likely see less precipitation this season, according to forecasters.

"While a repeat of the near-record snowfall and much colder than normal temperatures that impacted much of the country last year is unlikely, year-to-year and decade-to-decade climate variations tell us that such events are always possible," said Ed O'Lenic, senior meteorologist at the NWS CPC located in Camp Springs, Maryland.

Kevin McCarthy, program manager in NWS's Office of Meteorology located in Silver Spring, Maryland, reminds the public to listen to NOAA weather radio broadcasts for current weather information during winter storms.

Emergency management officials point out that timely preparation, including structural and non-structural mitigation measures to avoid the impacts of severe winter weather, can avert heavy personal, business and government expenditures.

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